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OF  
DAVIDSON TOWNSHIP.

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INCLUDING  
THE EARLY SETTLEMENTS

TOGETHER WITH  
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

AND  
STATISTICS AND MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

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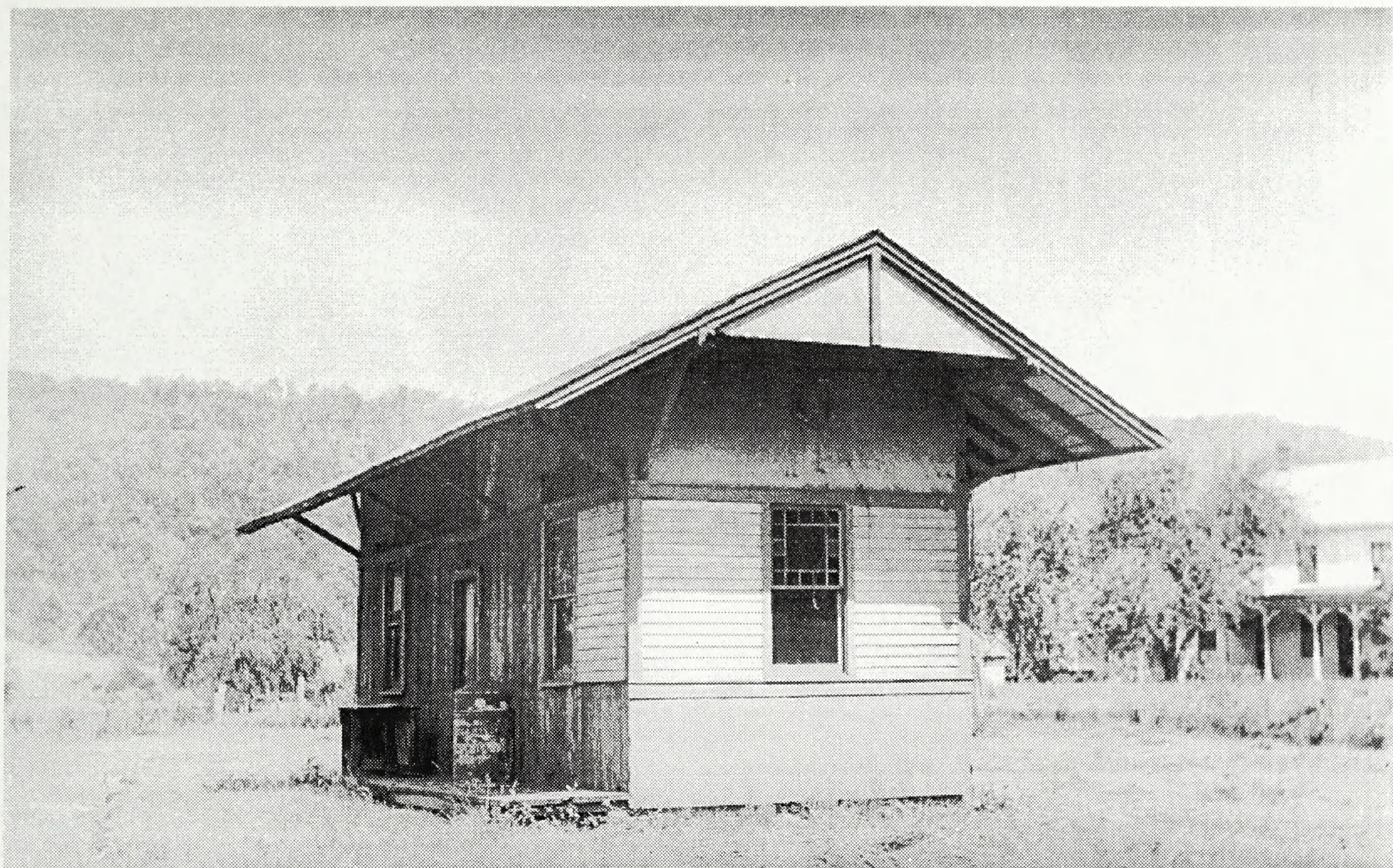
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Eagles Mere Railroad Station. Sonestown, July 17, 1937. Photo taken by George M. Hart. Building was located across street from the hotel, later was made part of Clyde Sheets house.

## DAVIDSON

### ORGANIZATION

Davidson Township was established in 1833, by a decree of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Lycoming county. The territory was taken from Shrewsbury township and originally comprised also a portion of what is now LaPorte township. It was named in honor of Hon. Asher Davidson, one of the Associate Judges of that court. It is located in the south-eastern section of Sullivan county, bordering on Luzerne county and Colley township on the east, Columbia and Lycoming counties on the south, Shrewsbury township on the west and LaPorte township on the north.

At the time of its organization, Davidson contained the following 59 resident taxables:

Peter Anderson	Ido Arms
James Biggers	Joel Bennett
Thos. Bennett Sr.	Thos. Bennett Jr.
Moses Crothers	Wm. Crothers
Thomas Crothers	Joseph Converse Sr.
Joseph Converse Jr.	Wm. Clark
Eliphas Earl	Peter Fulmer
James Glidewell	Rufus Hiddleston

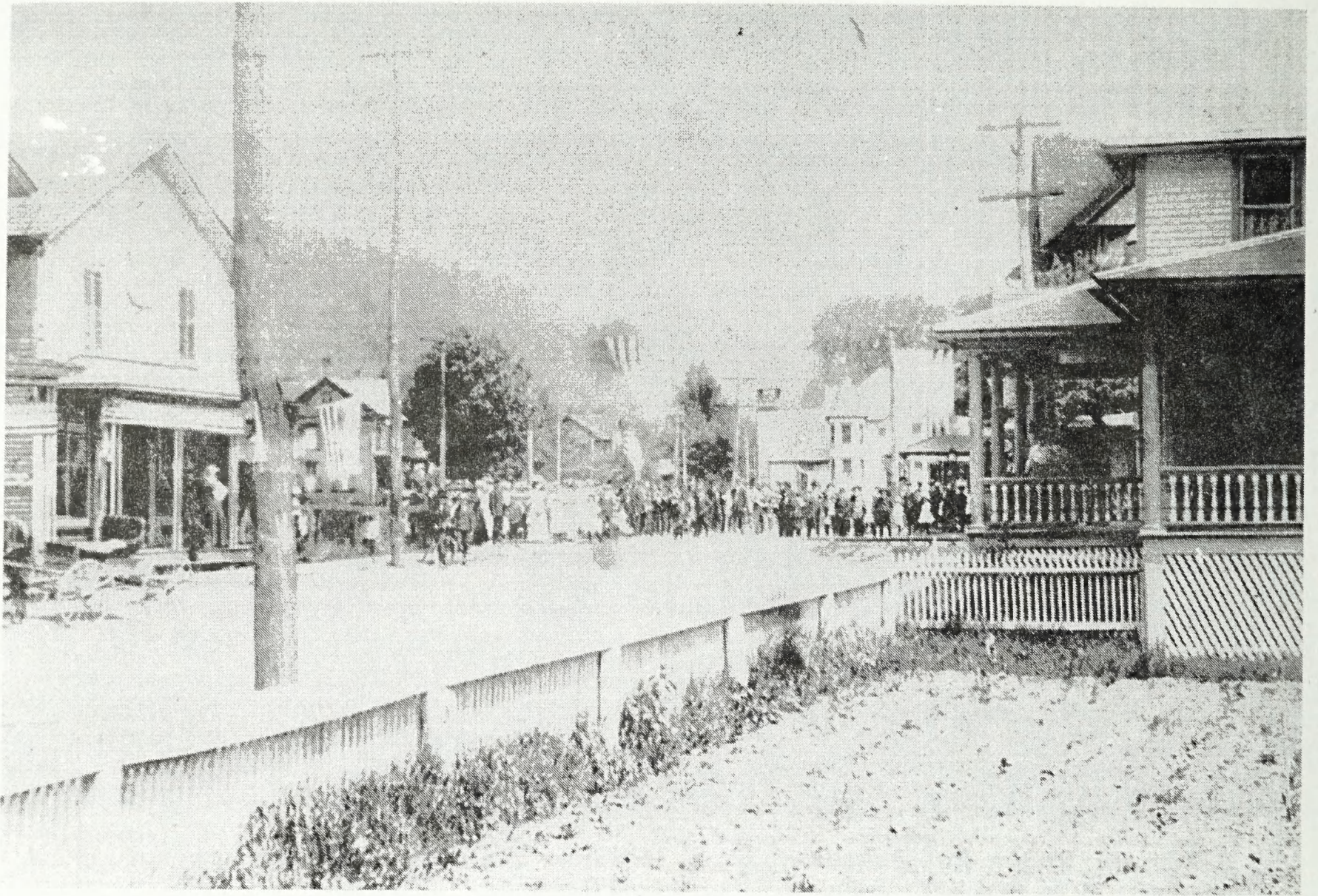
John Keeler Sr.  
John Little  
Ann McClemmons  
John Pennington  
Charles Plummer  
Griffith Philips  
James Rogers  
Thomas Reed  
Sarah Swank  
Clinton Stevens  
John Strawbridge Jr.  
Miles Sperry  
George Sones  
John Sones  
Wm. Whitacre  
Samuel Wilson  
Philip Genter  
Jacob Herrimen  
Permenas Sanders  
Ephraim Sanders  
Stephen D. Sanders  
Joseph Wilson

John Keeler Jr.  
David McClintock  
Wm. McClemmons  
Edmond Pennington  
David Philips  
John Phemmer

David L. Sanders  
Wm. Stevens  
Daniel Savage  
Wm. Smith Jr.  
Samuel Sperry  
Wm. White  
Daniel Whiteman  
Thomas Glidewell  
John Glidewell  
John Hiddleston  
Wm. Robbins  
Asa Sanders  
Daniel Wilson  
Josiah Warrin  
Wm. Yocum

Davidson was made an election district in the spring of 1834 by an act of the Legislature. Consequently its first vote was given on the second Tuesday of October following. Lycoming county at that time contained in addition to its present territory all of





Parade in Sonestown. Speary store on left, Dr. Hydock house on right.

Sullivan county and about half of Clinton county. There was a very warm contest at this election for the office of Sheriff. In the early part of the campaign there were eight candidates in the field but as it progressed the interest centered on two candidates Wm. Harris, an ex-county commissioner and treasurer and Thomas W. Lloyd, also an ex-county treasurer. After the election the returns came in very slowly and Lloyd was a few votes in the lead of his opponent, not having heard from Davidson. When Squire Hiddleston brought in the returns from this district, it was found that Davidson gave Harris 18 votes and Lloyd none, electing Harris by a majority of 7 votes. It was proposed by the friends of Lloyd to contest the election of Davidson, as it was thought that in the new township in the woods it would not be possible to conduct an election according to law. After a careful examination made by the attorneys it was found that the voters of Davidson had fully complied with the election laws, and no errors could be found. Wm. Smith of Davidson who assisted in holding the election had not been favored with great educational advantages but was careful to fully comply with the law. The result gave him a reputation for conducting public business that a few years later secured for him the election to the office of county commissioner.

#### SURFACE AND DRAINAGE

Here is some of the most beautiful scenery of Pennsylvania, the rugged mountain sides covered with the primeval forest and intersected here and there with the foaming torrents rushing toward the more peaceful streams that flow along its base, the green-clad hills with the valleys that lie between, sheltering many a fertile farm and making room for the pleasant little towns that are found in this district.

Here is found North Mountain, towering above the surrounding hills at an elevation of from 2200 to 2400 feet. It lies in the centre of the township in an almost easterly and westerly direction and forms a watershed between some of the waters of the West and North Branches of the Susquehanna.

Davidson has three main slopes. The northern slope toward Muncy Creek, the southern slope toward Fishing Creek and in the north-western corner a southern slope toward Muncy Creek. The eastern portion is drained by the waters of the East branch of Fishing Creek, the south-central by the West branch of Fishing creek. These unite in Columbia county and empty into the North Branch of the Susquehanna at Bloomsburg. The northern and western sections are drained by Muncy Creek and its tributaries. At Sonestown and Muncy Valley, the outlets of Lewis's and Hunter's Lakes respectively, mingle their waters with those of Muncy





Sonestown Hotel, left, railroad tracks, Hydock house; Magargel & Speary stores on right.

Creek, which in turn becomes a part of the West Branch of the Susquehanna at Muncy.

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Along the valleys and foot hills, the soil is very fertile being composed of red shale. It is especially adapted for grazing and growing cereals. On the top of the mountain, however, only a small portion can be brought under cultivation, the rock here being of carboniferous formation.

The primeval forests still standing in many parts of this district have kept the hand of man busy for a century, since the time the pioneer first swung his axe in the wilderness until today when the woods resound with the blows of the lumbermen and the tanneries at Jamison City and Muncy Valley keep many busy because of the bark it is the means of furnishing.

Hidden in the hills and mountains lies the future wealth of Davidson township. In the carboniferous rock of which we have already spoken, we find outcroppings of coal, while traces of silver and iron are also found.

For a long time it has been known that copper exists in this district. In 1848, a party of Boston capitalists opened a vein at Beaver Dam, hauling the ore to Muncy and from there shipping it to tide water and from thence to Boston. Recently this vein has been re-opened. It is from 18 to 52 inches, assaying from 10

to 32 1-20 per cent of copper, from 1 to 4 per cent of silver and about the same of zinc. A vein has also been opened near Jamison City showing that copper exists throughout Davidson township.

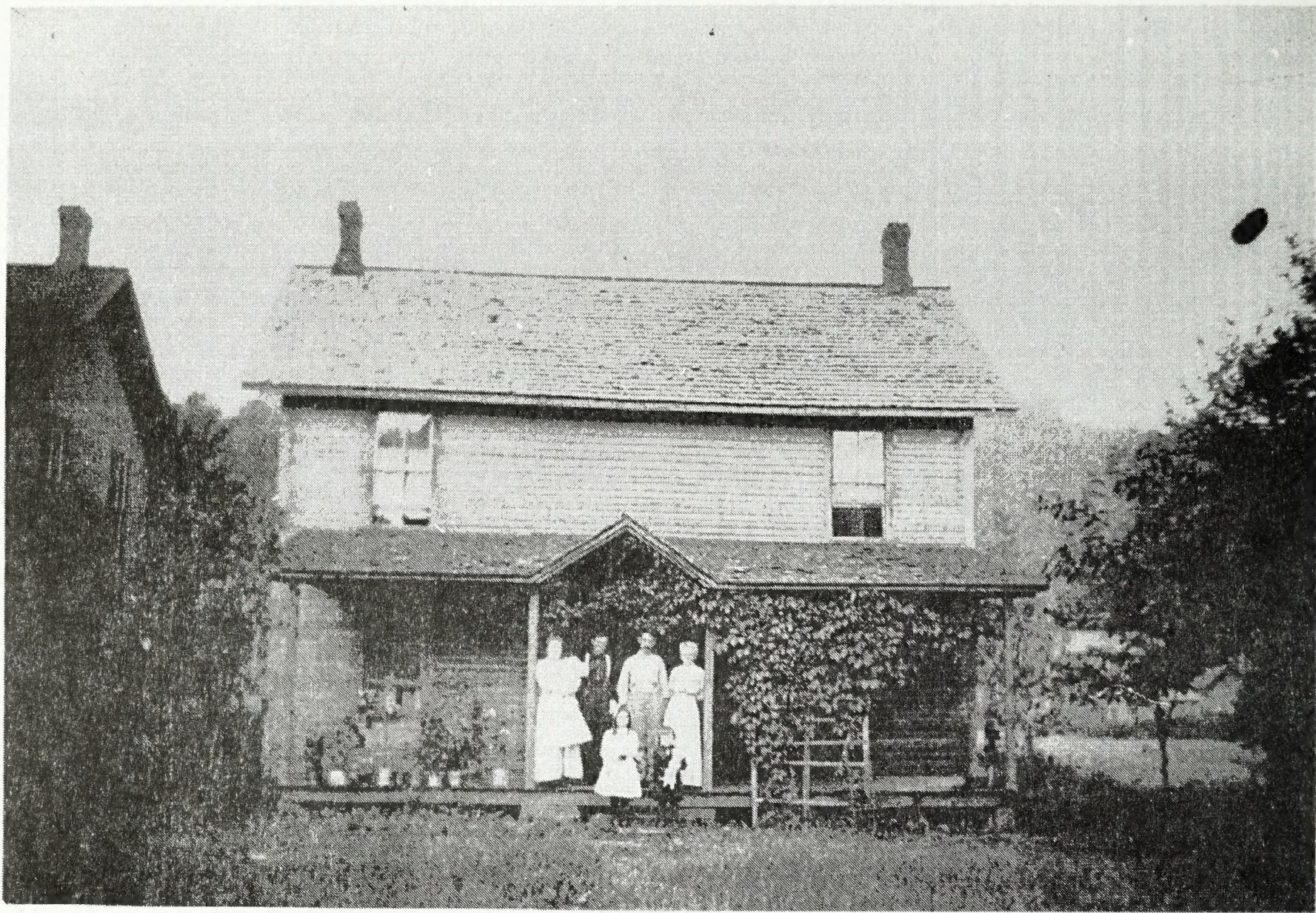
### PRODUCTS AND INDUSTRIES

Agriculture is an important industry, the beautiful farms yielding abundantly the ordinary agricultural products found in this section, while stock raising is carried on very extensively. Lumbering takes high rank in this district, many of Davidson's citizens being engaged in this industry. With its sister industry, tanning, it furnishes the principal exports of the township, namely, lumber and leather. Among the lesser industries are the acid factory at Emmons, the acid factory at Nordmont which is partially in Davidson township, the washboard factory at Sonestown and the copper smelter at Beaver Dam.

### EARLY ROADS

The Susquehanna and Tioga Turnpike built in 1808, forming and the eastern boundry of this township furnished an avenue by which early settlers could reach this section.





Northeast Maple Street. Present home of Ronald Eberlin.

What is known as the Northumberland road is probably the one that was built by the North Mountain settlers of 1806 and 1808 from their settlement to Columbia county, at that time a part of Northumberland county. It is thought this road was later extended to the Shrewsbury and Lewis' Lake settlements.

No road marked the way for the early Elk Lick pioneers, who cut their path through the woods. Some crossed from the Turnpike near Long Pond, while others came directly across the mountain from the Fishing Creek settlement in what is now Columbia county. In 1825 they built a road to connect their settlement with Huntington, from which place several of the early settlers had come. This road extended from Nordmont to Central, Columbia county and is still traversed by those who wish to cross North Mountain.

In 1835, on a petition presented by the citizens of Davidson township, the Lycoming County Court granted a decree establishing a road from the Hiddleston, now the Elk Lick school house, to intersect with the Northumberland road at Sand Run near where Hon. M.J. Philips now lives.

In 1839, a decree was granted by the Lycoming County Court establishing another road leading from Buckhorn bridge near the house of Luther Martin near Asa Speary's to Muncy Creek, by Charles Glidewell's, thence along Muncy Creek through what is now

Sonestown and Muncy Valley, at the latter place intersecting with the road leading to Lewis's Lake

### PEOPLE

The inhabitants of Davidson township are largely the scions of the hardy pioneers of Northumberland, Columbia and Lycoming counties and are mainly the descendants of the English, German and Scotch settlers, a large number being related to the early English settlers of Shrewsbury and Eagles Mere of over a century ago. The people are a hospitable, industrious, patriotic and progressive class of citizens. By the census of 1900, the inhabitants number 1714 people.

### EARLY SETTLERS

The first settlement made in what is now Davidson township was about 1806 or 1808, at the base of the western end of North Mountain. David Richart, Colonel Derr and Nathan Howell, of Columbia county, while on a hunting expedition, discovered the beautiful and fertile plain at the base of North Mountain. They were very much pleased with it and returned with their families. Adam Derr was an officer in the Revolutionary War and settled on lands now owned by Hon. M.J. Philips. David Richart was a stone mason and school teacher. He built





Frank Magargel store at left, Speary sisters at right. Now vacant lots at intersection of old Route 220 and Maple Street.

the stone barn at Eagles Mere in 1817. Thomas and John Strawbridge came in 1811. David McClintock, Thomas Reed and William McClemmons came in 1812.

Griffith Philips 1st., came to Davidson township in 1812 and settled at the base of North Mountain, clearing up the farm owned by his grandson, Harvey E. Philips. His father, Steven Philips was born in Pembrokshire, Wales. On coming to this country, he remained for some time at Philadelphia, later removing with his family to Cooper township, Montour county. Griffith Philips married Mary Hughes of Danville and came from there to North Mountain in 1812. He was drafted for the war of 1812, but his name was struck off, and his brother David who had accompanied him to his new home, went and was wounded at the battles of Lundy's Lane, Chippewa and Stony Creek. Griffith Philips was the father of five sons and two daughters:

Rachel, married Samuel Livergood of Hughesville;  
John, married Susan, a daughter of George Sones;

Hannah, married John Robbins and moved to Iowa;  
Evan H., married Mary Jane Laird;

Thomas, married Hannah Low and settled near the Hemlock Grove school house, reared a family of 11 children and died in 1902;

Griffith 2nd., married Mary Ann Rogers;  
David J., married Elizabeth Taylor.

John Philips, whose wife was the daughter of George Sones, one of the first settlers of Sonestown, settled at Sugar Grove near Sonestown on the farm now owned by Daniel and John A. Philips. Unto John and Susan Philips were born:

Thomas A., wounded at Gettysburg, died at Elmira;

Rachel, married Isaac Wilson, lives near Sugar Grove;

Griffith 3rd, married Mary Sellers, lives at Sonestown;

James K.P., died of consumption when a young man;

Mary, married Samuel Crist of Sonestown;  
Edward, died of consumption aged 34 years;

Sarah, lives at Central, Columbia county;

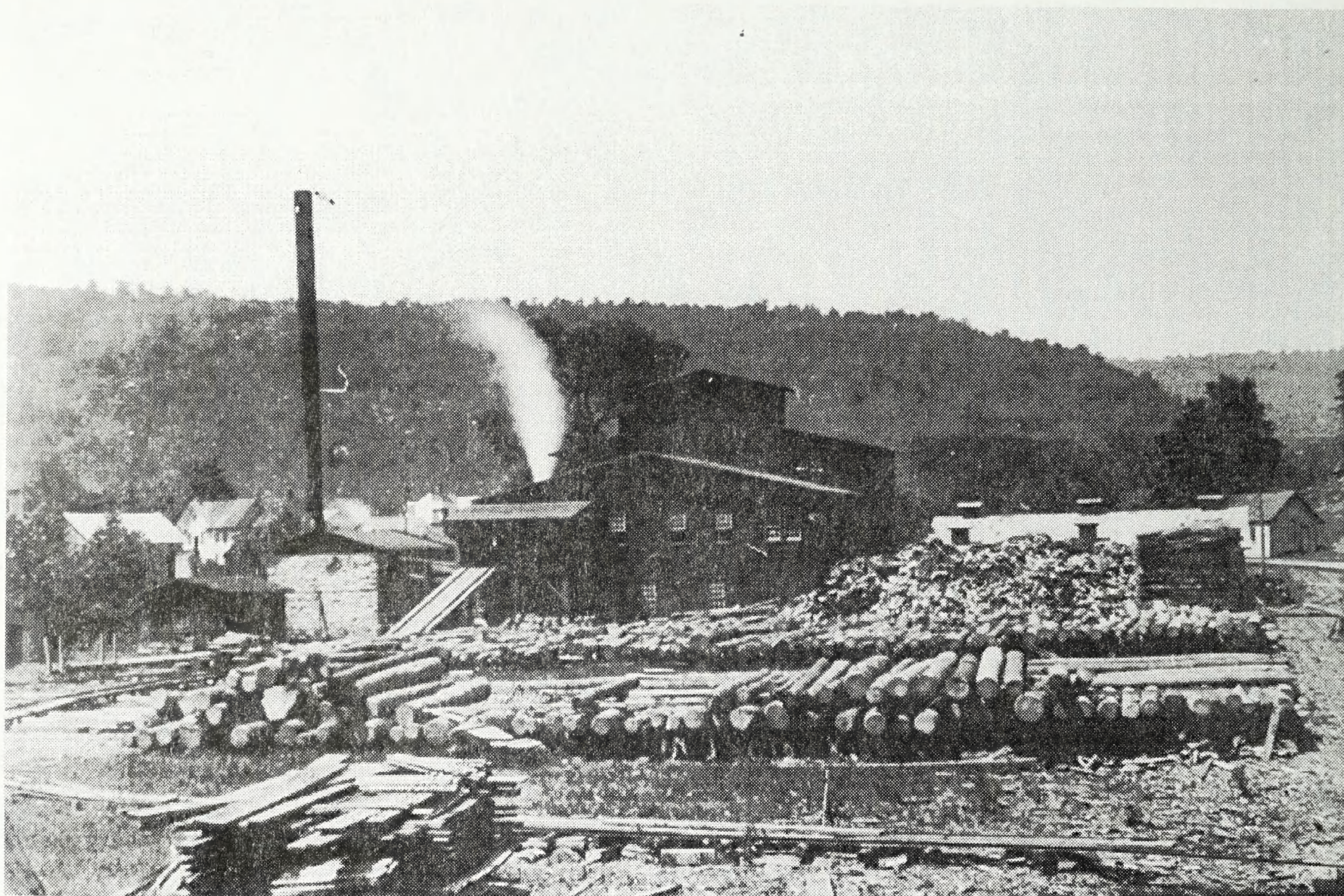
Daniel S., married Ella Philips;

John A., lives with his brother Daniel;

Rose, married Watson Speary, lives near Sonestown.

Evan H. Philips settled on what is known as the John Gowen farm near the Hemlock Grove school house. He was justice of the peace when Davidson was still a part of Lycoming county and was elected the first Sheriff of Sullivan county. He later moved to Lairdsville, Lycoming county where he died at the age of 87 years.





Second Clothespin factory near Railroad Station, just south of bridge, along Muncy Creek. The first one burned.

Griffith Philips 2nd, settled on the farm now owned by his son Hon. M.J. Philips. He was elected county commissioner of Sullivan county on 1850 and was a member of the board when the first court house was built. He was married to Mary Ann Rogers of Exeter township, Luzerne county. She died in 1865, her husband surviving her until 1898, when he passed away. Unto them were born:

Maynard J., married to Mary C. Pennington;  
 Hughes G., married to Seda Kahler, of Hughesville, lives at Benton;  
 Florence H., married Wm. Yocum, of Benton;  
 McCellan A., married Anna Labaugh, live at Benton;  
 Hester A., died at the age of 20 years

David J. Philips lived on the farm owned by Griffith Philips, 1st. He was married to Elizabeth Taylor, a daughter of Robert Taylor 2nd. He died in 1880 and his widow still lives on the old homestead with their son, Harvey E. Philips.

Robert Taylor 1st, many of whose descendants are residents of Davidson township, came to Rock Run,

Shrewsbury township in 1804. He was the father of 12 children: Frederick, whose son, Robert 3rd, settled in Davidson, Robert 2nd, who lived at Muncy Valley, William, James who settled at Muncy Valley, Richard,

John, Matthew, Geo. W., Mary Ann, Jane, Eliza, and Katharine.

Robert 2nd. married a Miss Bennett and in 1838 moved from Shrewsbury township to the valley of Muncy creek. He was for many years Justice of the Peace and was twice elected County Commissioner. He was one of the first to offer inducements for establishing tanneries and upon his lands was erected the Muncy Valley tannery. To him and his wife were born:

George, of Williamsport;  
 Elizabeth, married David Philips of Hemlock Grove;  
 Rosetta, married John Hiddleston of Iowa, and after his death, Fletcher Speary;  
 Angeline, married Edwin Corson, of Lansing, Mich.;  
 Carl S., of Danville;  
 Jeremiah, died;  
 Harriet Jane, died when 10 years of age;  
 David M.

James Taylor, also came to Davidson township in 1838, settling the farm below his brother, Robert's. He was for many years postmaster of the postoffice then called Muncy Bottom. He was also the first Treasurer of Sullivan county. He was married to Delia Edkin and to them were born:

Matthew, of Shrewsbury;





The Climax locomotive ran on the narrow gauge line to Eagles Mere from Sonestown. The Climax was a geared locomotive designed to handle steep grades and sharp curves. Photo taken soon after E.M.M.R became part of W&NB R.R., indicated by lettering on tender.

Alfred, who lived on his father's homestead;  
Katharine, married James Stroup;  
Sarah Jane, died when 10 years old;  
Margaret Jane, died in 1863.

The first improvements where the village of Sonestown now stands were made by Timothy Crawley and Peter Anderson in 1818. They kept bachelor's hall until Crawley married when they sold it to Benjamin Fiester who afterward sold it to George Sones, who together with his son John for many years owned all the land at the head of the valley and from whom it very appropriately takes the name of Sonestown.

In 1818 James Glidewell came to this section and in 1820, settled at Sonestown on the land now owned by Samuel Crist. He came from England in 1801 and first settled in Northumberland county on land owned by Joseph Priestly. Mr. Glidewell was married to Mary King of Elkland township and they were the parents of ten children: Hester, Thomas, Elizabeth, Mary, John, William, Sarah, Ann and Dinah.

Thomas Glidewell who settled on lands near his father, married Hester Lacy and to them were born: James, Josiah, Sarah, Thomas, Ann, Dinah and Charles.

John Glidewell settled above Sonestown on the high plateau which overlooks Muncy creek, where he lived past ninety.

William moved to Elkland and settled on the farm now owned by Dr. Chaffee.

In 1822, John Whitacre came to Sonestown and settled on lands which had been improved by John

Sones. His son Wm. succeeded him and afterward sold it to Peter Armstrong who laid out the village of Glen Sharon.

The first settlers in the Elk Lick settlement were James Rogers and George Wilson, who came from Huntingdon, Luzerne county, by way of the Susquehanna and Tioga Turnpike to a point called Spring bridge, from there cutting their way to near Thorndale. They came for the purpose of making maple sugar, their first trip being in the fall that they might make sap troughs. In the spring, they brought their families with them, James Rogers settling where John Botsford now lives and George Wilson where Wm. Bostian lives. In 1825, the road leading from Nordmont to Central was cut out by the citizens of Huntingdon, who wished to reach this settlement that they might make maple sugar. During the construction of this road they had an encounter with a bear which was finally shot by Christopher Bowman. From this incident, the little stream on the mountain at this point derives its name. This road has ever since been a public road.

In 1826, John Keeler came from Fishing creek to this section. He was married to Elizabeth Smith of York state and to them were born three children, James, John and Susannah.

James Keeler married Mary Robbins and their children were: Daniel, Catharine, William, John, Elizabeth, Susan, James, Ellen and Mary Jane.

John Keeler was married to Sarah Bartleson and they were the parents of the following children:

Nancy R., married Henry Kopensparger;  
Eliza Ann, married Daniel Keeler;





Lorah Hotel (second one in town), South Main Street, Sonestown. Later became I.O.O.F. Hall, then Trash & Treasure, now Lewis & Clark.

Edward;  
 Susan Jane, married Thomas Mostellar;  
 Frederick Roher;  
 Thomas Jackson;  
 Emily, married Newell Smith, later John Anders.

Susannah married Wm. Robbins and their children were, Henderson, Thomas, Leonard, Joseph and Mary.

John Hiddleston came in April 1826. He was born in Chester county in 1790, and was a carpenter and joiner by trade. He built a sawmill, cleared a large farm and here resided until 1865, when his health having failed, he joined his children who had all previously moved west. He died in Illinois in 1875.

Soon after Jesse Pennington came and took 300 acres of land. His children who came to this county were:

Edmond, cleared a farm in LaPorte township;  
 Jesse, resided in Davidson, later moved west;  
 Mary, married Samuel Speary;  
 Martha, married John C. Botsford;  
 Anna, married Thomas L. Little.

In 1826, Miles Sperry came from Huntingdon, Luzerne county and took up a tract of 400 acres. He was the father of seventeen children as follows:

Ann, his oldest child taught the first school in the Elk Lick settlement in 1827;

Wooden, remained in Luzerne county;

Lucy, married Jacob Good of Luzerne county;

Amelia, married a Mr. Tovins;

Permelia, married Abraham Ephliam;

James L., died at the age of twenty;

Samuel, mar. Mary Pennington, lived in Davidson;

Christopher, married Rachel Benscoter of Luzerne;

Susan, married Benjamin Beach of Bradford county;

Orphia and Miles died in infancy;

Sophia, married John Flick;

Julia, married John Snook, resided at Williamsport;

Charlotte, unmarried;

Asa, married Jane Fiester, lived on the homestead;

Mary, married Benivel Horn, lived near homestead;

Joseph Converse came to Elk Lick in 1828. His children by his first wife were:

Martha, married Charles Miller, lived in Davidson;

Caroline, married Rufus Hiddleston, lived at LaPorte and later in Illinois;

Joseph, married Ann Redenhouse, settled near the





**School, North Main St., Sonestown. Note: Outhouses on each side. This original building was joined to community hall and a home ec. room was added to the front. Later another wing was added to the rear.**

southern line of the county;

Henry, married Martha Worthington, resided for many years in LaPorte twp., later in Lycoming county;

His second wife was a Mrs. Edgar who came from Huntingdon in 1830 and lived with Converse's. Their children were:

Susan Ann, married Edmond Pennington;

Sarah Robinson, married Wm. King of LaPorte twp.;

Jane, married Job King, of Elkland township;

Permelia, married Richard Harding, of Lycoming;

Abigail, married Charles Martin.

Mrs. Edgar had two sons by her first husband, Abram, who became a minister of the M.E. church, and Andrew.

Andrew married a daughter of James Glidewell and always lived near the Converse farm. Their children were Esther Ann, Amanda R., Thomas, Rachael, Sarah Jane, James, Joseph, Andrew and Jeremiah.

In 1833, Wm. Smith came from his Muncy valley farm to the Elk Lick settlement and there resided until nearly eighty. He was County Commissioner when Sullivan was still a part of Lycoming county. He also held the offices of Associate Judge and County Treasurer in Sullivan county.

In the year the new township was formed, 1833, the Elk Lick settlers built a school house at the

intersection of the Muncy creek and North Mt. roads ever since known as the Corners.

About 1844, Joseph Wilbur and his son Amos C. came to the Elk Lick settlement from York state, having been induced to take up a residence here by Rev. Houst, a Methodist clergyman. They purchased improvements made by Jacob Rogers, the father Joseph living but a few years in his new home. He had one daughter who married a Mr. Kilmer of Fox township.

Amos C. Wilbur was a carpenter and mill wright by trade, and a man of more than usual intelligence. During the winters, he taught school. In following his trade in different parts of the county he became well acquainted with the people, and received their votes, electing him to the office of Sheriff in 1854. He moved to LaPorte, where he aided materially in the improvements of the town, the first tannery being built under his supervision in 1856. He later returned to Davidson and about 1868 moved to his former home in York state. He was twice married, having two children by his first wife, Judson and Sarah, who married a Mr. Howell.

John P. Smith purchased the Wibur farms. He was the first settler in this neighborhood from the northern part of Lackawanna county. In 1865, three of his neighbors came to reside near him. Edward Clark who had lived in LaPorte township purchased the John Hiddleston farm, but five years later returned to LaPorte,





The Muncy Valley Methodist Church getting the grass mowed. Early 1900's.

selling his farm to his son-in-law, D.C. Gritman. Two other sons-in-laws also located here, Henry Small who purchased the Miller Hiddleston farm, and Amos Foust who purchased the Daniel Savage farm. A few years later the adjacent farm, which had been cleared by Charles Miller, was purchased by Thomas White, also of Lackawanna county.

In December 1869, Mrs. Stevens and her two sons, E.J. and W.M., and E.J. Brundage, also came from Lackawanna county, and purchased the Pennington properties. Mr. Brundage engaged in building and operating saw mills. E.J. Stevens for a time was engaged in the mercantile business at Nordmont. W.M. Stevens, now a prominent lawyer of Williamsport, owns a portion of this land and resides here during the summer months.

#### SONESTOWN

The first settlements made here have already been mentioned. George Sones of whom we have already spoken, built a sawmill here about 1843, and John F. Hazen, a mill wright built a grist mill here in 1850.

On the 17th of March, 1842. Jacob Simmons moved here from Moreland township, Lycoming county,

and built a log house near where Swank's hotel now stands. He later moved to what is known as the Morrison place where he lived until after the close of the war when he moved to the house now occupied by Wm.

Hazen. He died August 9, 1884, aged 79 years. His wife was Jane Sones, a daughter of George Sones, the first permanent settler of Sonestown. To them were born:

John, Sheriff of Sullivan county in 1863;

Isaac N., killed in the Civil War;

George W., of Sonestown, a soldier of the Civil War;

Simpson S., killed in the Civil War;

Thomas S., of Muncy Valley, a soldier of the Civil War, died in 1902;

David S., a soldier of the Civil War, lives out West;

Rosetta A.;

Jacob L.

In 1851, George Miller purchased 1700 acres of land in and around Sonestown. Together with his sons, he did much toward improving the town in its early days.





**Main St., Muncy Valley, on road leading to Eagles Mere, the location of the tannery. Early 1900's.**

The same year Jacob Reed purchased several lots and erected a small tavern, which a few years later he sold to William Corson, who also ran a stage line from Muncy to Dushore. Corson kept hotel for about ten years when he sold out to James Taylor and moved west. Later, the hotel was sold to Thomas S. Magargle, whose widow sold it to Ellis Swank, the present proprietor, in 1898.

The first store was built by Edkin Corson, who for a short time engaged in the mercantile business, and later in lumbering. During the Civil War, Whittick & John Sylvara ran a store here.

In 1867 Edward Lyons purchased the sawmill, timber lands and the Bennett farm of Edkin Corson and engaged in lumbering. About the same time William and Jacob Lorah and Thomas Dent commenced to lumber here. Lorah erected a store and engaged in the mercantile business. He was elected treasurer of Sullivan county in 1890. He was a very prominent citizen of Sonestown, erecting for himself one of the finest residences in the town, and also a number of cottages to rent. He later moved to Columbia county and died at Bloomsburg.

The first settlement up the Outlet of Lewis's Lake was made by Issac Wilson of Columbia county on lands now occupied by his son, John O. He was a weaver by trade and the father of 6 children, Jacob, Elias, John O., Isaac N., Mary Jane who married John Gower and afterward Edward Sones, and Catharine who married Charles Glidewell.

In 1861, Ira Steinback, a native of Susquehanna

county, came to Sonestown from LaPorte township. He was justice of the peace and together with his son Riley, who came a few years later from Wayne county, became very closely identified with the business interests of the town.

Among the men who have been very prominent in the past two decades of history of Sonestown, Dr. John H. Rothrock has been second to none. He located here many years ago and practiced medicine. He purchased a

farm adjoining the town and built a number of dwelling houses and took a very active part in the business interests of the town and county. He died June 26, 1902, at the age of 80 years.

Along the valley of Muncy Creek, where the foaming waters of the Outlet of Lewis's Lake come rushing down to join with the larger stream, lies the pretty little village of Sonestown. In the early days of the town, its principal resource was derived from the Lyon Lumber Co., who converted the hemlock and the hardwood, which covered the hills and valleys of the vicinity, into marketable lumber.

In 1885, when the Williamsport & North Branch Railroad was completed to Sonestown, it brought a new industry to the town, one that has since aided materially to its development and has been a means of livelihood to many of the citizens.

In 1892, when the EaglesMere Railroad was completed from this place to the famous summer resort, another impetus was given to the town. This road is a narrow gauge, necessitating a change of cars at this





A view of Muncy Valley early 1900's. Road to Eagles Mere at left center by smokestack. Road to Sonestown off to the right. Main Road through town across bottom. Houses on right, on side of Irish Hill. Area to right of smokestack was known as Polander Hill.

place, and thereby bringing annually into the town, thousands of visitors. Between twenty five and thirty of the citizens of the town are employed by these railroads. They have built here a very pretty little station and other buildings necessary to the work in this vicinity.

The American Manufacturers' Association have a washboard factory at this place which employs about twelve men and boys.

W.J. McCartney is at present building a clothespin factory which will furnish employment for a number of people.

C.W. Sones has established a lumber yard here under the supervision of G. W. Simmons, where a number of men are employed assorting and piling the lumber shipped from his mills near Eagles Mere.

Two large and commodious hotels are located here, the Swank House under the management of Ellis Swank, and the Lorah House under the management of J.H. Stackhouse.

The town has four general stores carrying a very well selected line of merchandise. They are owned by C.A. Starr, J.W. Buck, Mrs. Ida Lorah and A.T. Armstrong respectively.

C.D. Voorhees, the practicing physician for this vicinity, runs in connection with his practice a large and commodious drug store.

H.P. Hall is Justice of the Peace and also a collection agent.

G.W. Simmons is the postmaster.

L.K. Freas and Andrew Edgar conduct blacksmith shops at this place.

Sonestown has two very flourishing secret societies, the P.O.S. of A. and the I.O.O.F. The Methodist Episcopal church has a very large congregation under the guidance of Rev. H.N. Ash, of Muncy Valley. The United Evangelical church years ago erected a handsome edifice where they now worship under the pastorate of Rev. J. O. Biggs.

## MUNCY VALLEY

Muncy Valley takes its name from the beautiful valley of Muncy creek, in which the town is located. Trout Run, the outlet of Hunter's Lake, here empties into Muncy Creek. The town is built almost entirely upon the farm lands of Robert Taylor, who has already been mentioned. He was very earnest in his efforts to locate a tannery here, offering substantial inducements, and in 1867, L.R. Bump built a small tannery with a capacity of 150 sides a day. Mr. Bump was engaged in tanning about five years when the tannery burnt down. It was sold at sheriff's sale to L.R. Robertson. Mr. Robertson owned the tannery about one year and sold out to D.T. Stevens and son, of Sullivan county, N.Y. Three years later the plant was again destroyed by fire. It was greatly enlarged when rebuilt. In 1893, D.T. Stevens & Son sold out to the United States Leather company. From a capacity of 150 sides per day, the plant has been





**Butchering pigs back of Lorah Hotel (I.O.O.F. Hall) South Main Street, Sonestown. In the area behind what is now (1997) Lewis & Clark.**

enlarged until the present capacity is 750 sides per day.

Between 80 and 100 men are employed with a pay roll of \$1800 every two weeks. Sole leather is manufactured exclusively. J. P. Miller is superintendent. He was first employed when D.T. Stevens & Son were the proprietors of the plant and has ever since held that position, the various changes in ownership not having effected him.

The tannery has practically built up the town which is now a prosperous and growing village. There is also considerable farm trade and the various business men are all prospering finely.

Careful attention is paid to the education of the children, a three grade school being maintained. The Methodist Episcopal's own a pretty church here. The pastor, Rev. H.N. Ash, resides in the neat parsonage adjoining. Those of this neighborhood who embrace the Catholic faith are included in the parish of Rev. Fr. Enright, of Mildred.

When the tannery was transferred to the United States Leather company the store was sold to W.L. Hoffman, of Hillsgrove, and A.P. Starr who had charge of the store under the Stevens ownership still conducts the business. He is assisted by two clerks. Frank Magarel conducts a general mercantile business, E.E. Webb a confectionery and green goods store, Hyman Herr a clothing store, C.A. Miller a furniture store and

his wife Mrs. Bernice Miller a millinery store, Taylor Brothers a meat market, Torrence Bender, an undertaking business, James E. Hause, a bakery. G.W. Bigger and C.J. Secules, each conduct a blacksmithing business. John Girton looks after the painting and paper hanging. G.W. Meyers and Dennis Palmatier are the proprietors of the two hotels.

James Magargel barber, Robert Hess life insurance agent, J. E. Gallagher bookkeeper, and A.P. Miller inside foreman of the tannery are also among the substantial business men of the town.

## JAMISON CITY

Jamison City is located on the east branch of Fishing creek. Over thirty years ago Messrs. Phelps and Payne purchased a large body of timber lands along the creek and engaged in lumbering on a small scale. Later Messrs. Craig and Blanchard also purchased a large tract of land in this vicinity and spent considerable money in trying to find coal, but all their efforts proved unsuccessful.

In 1887 the Bloomsburg and Sullivan railroad was completed to this place, and a company was organized at Williamsport under the management of James Corcoran and Thomas Wheeler. Two farms were purchased and





Beaver Lake in days gone by. Part of the lake is in Davidson Township.

the town was laid out. It was first called Jameson City after Col. John Jameson, who was interested in the town lots, but later B.K. Jamison, a Philadelphia banker, who was also a heavy stockholder in the Bloomsburg and Sullivan railroad, succeeded in having the name changed by substituting the "i" in his name for the "e" in the original name, this change being made when the postoffice was established at that place.

The tannery was built in 1889 by Corcoran, Richards and Wheeler. In 1890 Thomas E. Proctor bought the tannery and conducted the business until 1893, when he sold to the United States Leather company, which is running the tannery at present. This tannery has a capacity of 666 sides per day. George W. Lambert is superintendent, and Clayton N. Wilbur, general foreman. About 75 men are employed. A large sawmill is also operated.

The county line divides the town. The tannery and about a dozen dwelling houses are located in Sullivan county, and the sawmill and business portion of the town consisting of a hotel and several stores are in Columbia county, giving that county nearly the whole population of the town, while the timber and bark which supplies the tannery and sawmill nearly all come from Sullivan county.

## EMMONS

Emmons is located five miles west of Jamison city on the West Branch of Fishing Creek. The first improvements at this place was made about 60 years ago when George W. Baum erected a sawmill and engaged

in manufacturing lumber, the place was then called Baumtown. In 1850 a flood destroyed the mill property and the business was abandoned. For over thirty years the ruins of this industry, was all that marked the location of the place.

In 1882 Parvin Kile, of Elk Grove, became convinced that the lumbering interests in that section would cause a town to spring up at that place, purchased several acres of land and erected a hotel. Within the next two years the town began to thrive, the Pentecost Lumbering company extended the railroad up the West Branch of Fishing creek and conducted an extensive

lumbering business, shipping the bark and timber to Jamison City. The present firm, lumbering in this vicinity, is composed of men, belonging to the Tannery company. G.W. Lillie conducts a general store and has the contract to peel the bark and stock the logs. He runs three lumber camps and employs at times as high as three hundred men. An acid factory now belonging to the acid trust was located here several years ago and adds substantially to the business interests of the town.

## BORDERING TOWNS

Two miles east of Emmons on the road leading from Emmons to Jamison City is located the town of Elk Grove. This is a small town engaged in lumbering. It is in Columbia county but gets the timber used in its mills from the forests of Davidson township.

Nordmont is located on Muncy creek 6 miles east of Sonestown and lies partially in Davidson and partially





**Narrow Gauge Railroad at Sonestown Railroad Station. Train would turn around near ballfield and back down to station. Photo from an old glass plate. Standard Gauge cars from Philadelphia on siding at right.**

in LaPorte township. The business industries are located in the latter township and will be described in the history of that township. A number of residences however are located in Davidson township.

Strawbridge with its postoffice and less than a dozen dwellings is located on Muncy Creek just across the county line in Lycoming county. The sawmill of Robert Taylor is the only manufacturing industry of the place.

Beaver Dam is the name of a pretty artificial lake covering over 50 acres of land partially in Lycoming and partially in Sullivan county. The place is noted for its excellent fishing, the lake, being well stocked with fish. A.L. Sones conducts a large hotel at this place. A copper mining company has been formed and has been making considerable progress toward developing the copper ore found in the vicinity.

As early as 1872, the Lyons Lumber company constructed dams on Muncy Creek and conducted a large lumbering business for about twenty-five years. John Paulhamus, the contractor for many years and who is well known along the valley of Muncy Creek, is now lumbering in West Virginia.

#### **WILLIAMSPORT & NORTH BRANCH RAILROAD**

The Muncy Creek Railroad, as the Williamsport and North Branch was originally called, was chartered with Michael Meylert, H.R. Mehrling, Robert Taylor, George Bodine and A.J. Dietrick, as members of the

corporation. Their purpose was to lay out and construct a road from Muncy to LaPorte, via Muncy Creek. The first officers were: President, Michael Meylert; Treasurer, Joshua Bowman; Secretary, B. Morris Ellis; Superintendent, H. Mehrling.

Muncy gave the new road very little encouragement and the western terminus was changed to Halls, and the survey and work of construction begun about 1866. The preliminary survey was made by

Samuel Stevenson assisted by B.L. Cheney. William A. Mason acted as chief engineer. In 1867 the road was completed to about three miles above Hughesville or nine miles in all, with a very easy grade and at a proportionally slight expense, but the deep cuts and immense fills that would be necessary, before the road could reach LaPorte, baffled the company and work was suspended.

In 1872, a new organization was effected but still the road did not pay, and it was sold in 1881. The new corporation changed the name of the road to the Williamsport and North Branch Railroad, and made Benj. G. Welch, general manager.

Work on the road was resumed, and in 1885 had reached six miles into Sullivan county. For a time Sonestown was made the eastern terminus, and in 1888 the road was completed to Nordmont.

While the terminus was here, John Satterfield and Henry L. Taylor, wealthy capitalists of Buffalo secured a controlling interest in the stock. New officers were





Evangelical Church, school and community building on North Main St., Sonestown. Parts of schoolhouse & community building remain. Church was torn down several years ago. Early 1900's photo.

elected as follows: President, Hon. H.C. McCormick; Vice-president, John Satterfield; Treasurer, J. Henry Cochran; Secretary, S.T. McCormick. Benj. G. Welch was retained as general manager and preparations made to extend the road. It was completed to Dohm's Summit near Dushore, and put in operation in the fall of 1893. The name of Dohm's Summit was changed to Satterfield in honor of John Satterfield. The road thus completed, formed a natural connection for through traffic between the Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia and Reading railroads. S.D. Townsend is now general manager.

#### DAVIDSON'S SOLDIERLY

Davidson Township has always firmly upheld the honor of the flag and has contributed her quota to its support whenever occasion called. One of the first band to penetrate her forests and claim of her a home, Adam Derr, was a colonel in the Revolutionary War. In the days of 1812 when the young republic was struggling with England for an existence, one of the then few settlers, David Philips, left for the scene of action, fighting gallantly until for the second time the Briton was driven from our shores.

In the days of '61 when the very life of the nation was threatened, many responded to their country's call and among Davidson's citizens in the ranks were G.W. Simmons, J.N. Simmons, Daniel Philips, A. Biggers, Peter Sones, J.W. Speary, B.C. Speary, T. Edgar, T. Glidewell, E. Gower, J. Bennett, T.S. Simmons, S. Wilbur, C.W. Larish, D. Larish, W.F. Larish, Simpson

S. Simmons, D.S. Simmons, G.W. Pennington, James Speary, D.M. Speary, Wm. Arms, G.A. Skinner, D. Taylor, C.S. Taylor, P. Miller, T.A. Dent, Wm. Lorah, G.T. Philips, Wm. Wilson, J. Gower, E.S. Howell, B. Horn, J.J. Miller, J. Lorah, G.W. Bigger, S. Swank, C. Martin, J.N. Hazen, Asa Speary, C. Miller, E. Smith, Jacob Wilson, C. Glidewell, Jackson Philips, J. Biggers, Washington Sheets, Nelson Johnson, Thomas A. Philips.

#### BENJAMIN G. WELCH

Was born in 1839 near Walsal, Staffordshire, England. His parents came to the United States in 1844 and settled in Philadelphia which has been the home of the family ever since. He was educated in the Public Schools of that city graduating from the High School in 1863. His business education was gained in the Hardware establishment of Wm. P. Wilstach & Co. The senior member of this firm established and endowed the famous Wilstach Art Collection in Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. In 1862 Mr. Welch moved to Danville, Pa., where he was connected with the iron works for over ten years. He married Sarah A. Hancock, daughter of the senior member of the firm. During this time he spent nearly two years in Toronto, Canada, in the management of the street Railway which had become indebted to his firm and they were compelled to take over the Railway. He finished it, built up its business to profitable proportions and then sold it at a very comfortable advance on its cost. Later he was connected with an iron mine near Kingston, Ontario





Sonestown Hotel, left, and Dr. Hydock house provide background for buggy and a horse with fly netting.

which was opened out and afterward sold to the Elmira Iron & Steel Co. of New York.

While still living at Danville he was a manager of an anthracite coal mine for more than a year during the days of the famous "Mollie Maguire" organization. During the war he served in one of the emergency regiments called out by Gov. Curtin at the first raid into Pennsylvania.

In 1881 he was appointed Receiver of the Muncy Creek Railroad which was extended through between Halls and Satterfield under his management.

In 1882 he began to advertise EaglesMere and work for its development by establishing a stage line which has since grown into the EaglesMere Railroad of which he is still one of the owners. It may fairly be said that he is the father of EaglesMere and has always worked for its success. He has probably done more for it than any one else ever connected with it. In 1900 he agitated a public supply of water and electric light for EaglesMere with the result that in connection with a number of other prominent gentlemen he constructed a Light Plant run by the water of Hunters Lake which went into operation on June 1, 1901 and has run continuously ever since almost without a stop. Mr. Welch is still a citizen of Sullivan county and one of its active workers and warmest well wishers.

#### JAMES P. MILLER

The efficient superintendent of the Union Tanning

Co., at Muncy Valley, was born at Standing Stone, Bradford county in 1847. His father, who was a farmer at Standing Stone, died when he was quite young. The family moved to Columbia county where he secured his education in the common schools. He later took a business course in a high school. When a young man, he taught school a number of years, clerked two years in a store in Williamsport and spent seven years in the lumber woods. He was teaching school in Davidson township when in 1875 the position of superintendent of the tannery then owned by L.R. Robertson was tendered him. He accepted the offer and has ever since held the position, though the tannery has changed proprietors three times during his connection with it. Mr. Miller who has always taken an active part in the political affairs of Davidson township is at present postmaster at Muncy Valley and is also serving his third term as school director. He married Elizabeth Johnson who was born in Davidson in 1856. To this union have been born nine children: E. Maud, Mabel M. who died in November 1886, Myrtle A., Ernest S. died in October 1886, Blanche, Ralph J. died in November 1892, James R., C. Donald, and Grant.

#### ALFRED TAYLOR

Was born in Shrewsbury township in 1835. He was a son of James Taylor and a grandson of Robert Taylor who was one of the first settlers of Shrewsbury township. He married Martha J. Montague, who was





The clothespin factory at Sonestown, looking south. W&NB station at lower left.

born at Tivoli, Lycoming county in 1854. To them were born, William C., Charles E., Ellis M., Jessie Grace who married Wm. Moran of Muncy Valley, and Clara Lois. Mr. Taylor died in 1896 and Mrs. Taylor and her three sons conduct the large farm of 425 acres, near the town of Muncy Valley. They are among the foremost of Davidson township's farmers, taking especial pride in the raising of fine blooded stock.

#### R. SPENCER STARR

A son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wilson Starr, was born at Sonestown, in 1877. His father came here from Muncy about 38 years ago, the family being of German extraction. His mother is a daughter of T.A. Richart, one of the early settlers of Davidson township. Mr. Starr received his education in the common schools of his native town, supplementing it by a course in the Bloomsburg State Normal and the Commercial college at Williamsport. For a number of years he has been engaged in teaching school, at present having charge of the intermediate grade at Sonestown. He was married in 1902 to Mae Simmons, who was born in 1883, a daughter of George Simmons of Sonestown.

#### ERNEST A. FULMER

Of Muncy Valley was born in 1864 in Shrewsbury township. He is a son of Wm. Fulmer of Shrewsbury township, whose father was one of the number who came to Cherry township when the Susquehanna and Tioga Turnpike was built in 1818, being employed upon its construction. He is a carpenter by trade and resides

on the Meyers homestead. He has held the offices of school director and supervisor of roads. He married Caroline Meyers, a daughter of Jacob Meyers of Davidson township. Mr. Meyers was a native of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer have been born three children: Bessie F., Anna M. and C. Edwin.

#### DAVID M. TAYLOR

Was born in 1836, at Muncy Valley on the same farm where he now resides. His father was Robert Taylor, a son of Robert Taylor who settled in Shrewsbury in 1804. Previous to the building of the narrow guage, Mr. Taylor was propietor of the stage line between Muncy Valley and EaglesMere. He married Mary Grey, a daughter of John Grey, a farmer near Picture Rocks. They are the parents of five children: Carrie who married C.M. Croll of Dushore, John C., Monroe, R. Harry who married Iva Bennett, a daughter of Boyd Bennett, and Mabel.

#### J. M. CONVERSE

The engineer of the EaglesMere Railroad was born in Moreland township, Lycoming county, in 1866. His father, E.M. Converse, of Kansas, was born in Davidson township, his grandfather Joseph Converse, being one of the early settlers. Mr. Converse owns a pretty residence at Sonestown and is identified with the I.O.O.F. lodge at that place, For a number of years, he has held the position of chief engineer on the





Early view of the house near the junction of roads in Muncy Valley. Former Methodist Church on hill at right.

Eagles Mere railroad. He was married in 1889 to Bertha Cook, a daughter of Ellis Cook, of Athens, Pa. Miss Cook was born in Davidson township in 1872. To this union have been born six children: Howard Stanley died in 1897 at the age of eight years, Alice, Giles, Lynn, Willard, and LaRue who died in infancy.

#### C. A. STARR

One of Sonestown's merchants was born in 1859 in Franklin township, Lycoming county. His father Anthony Starr came from Berks county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Starr is the proprietor of a well equipped general merchandise store. He is a member of the P.O.S. of A. of Sonestown and is serving his third term as school director of Davidson township. He was married in 1891 to Clara Magargel of Sonestown. Her father Thomas S. Magargel came from Philadelphia to Lairdsville where she was born in 1866. In April, 1867, he came to Sullivan county, where for many years he was proprietor of the Magargel House at Sonestown. He served as county commissioner in 1872. To Mr. and Mrs. Starr have been born four children, Frank E. who died when small, two sons who died in infancy and Fred D.

#### HARVEY E. PHILIPS

Was born in 1865, on the Philips homestead, the farm where he now resides. His father was David J. Philips, whose father Griffith Philips, in 1812 cleared the farm that has been owned by three generations of the Philips family and is now the home of the subject of this sketch. Mr. Philips is a farmer and at present is

president of the Davidson township school board. He was married in 1887 to Hannah Warburton, a daughter of James Warburton of Lycoming county. To them have been born, Laura Hazel who died Dec. 13, 1900 aged 13 years, Oscar E., Walter Freeman, Jessie May, Bruce Chester and Carl LaRue.

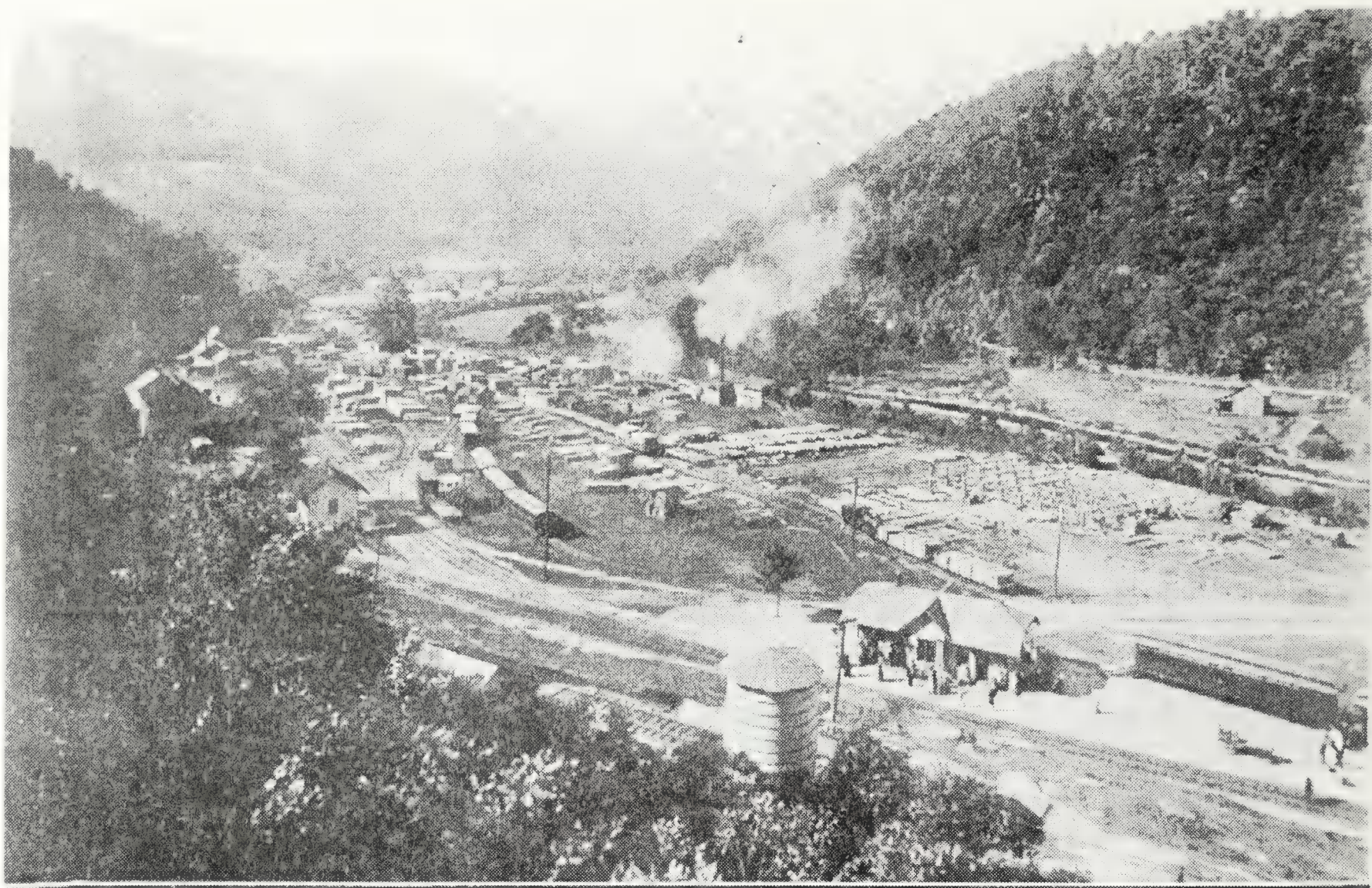
#### FRANCIS E. ALLEN

A son of Tine Allen, was born in 1874 in Montour county, Pennsylvania. He is at present employed at Beaver Lake, where he resides. His wife is Anna, a daughter of Clark Philips of Davidson township. She was born in 1875. They are the parents of four children, Elsie, Edna, Edith and Chester.

#### THOMAS FLICK

A son of Joseph Flick, was born in 1874 in Shrewsbury township. His father was a native of Lycoming county and served as a soldier in the Civil War. He is a farmer and owns a house and a lot at Hemlock Grove. His wife was Etta Henley, a daughter of Edward S. Henley. Her grandfather, B.W. Henley came to Cherry Township when the Susquehanna and Tioga Turnpike was built and married Sarah Lopez, the only child of John R. Lopez, a contractor, who built a portion of the turnpike. Mr. and Mrs. Flick have one daughter, Bessie E.





The lumber industries in Sonestown. Note: Railroad station & water tank lower right.

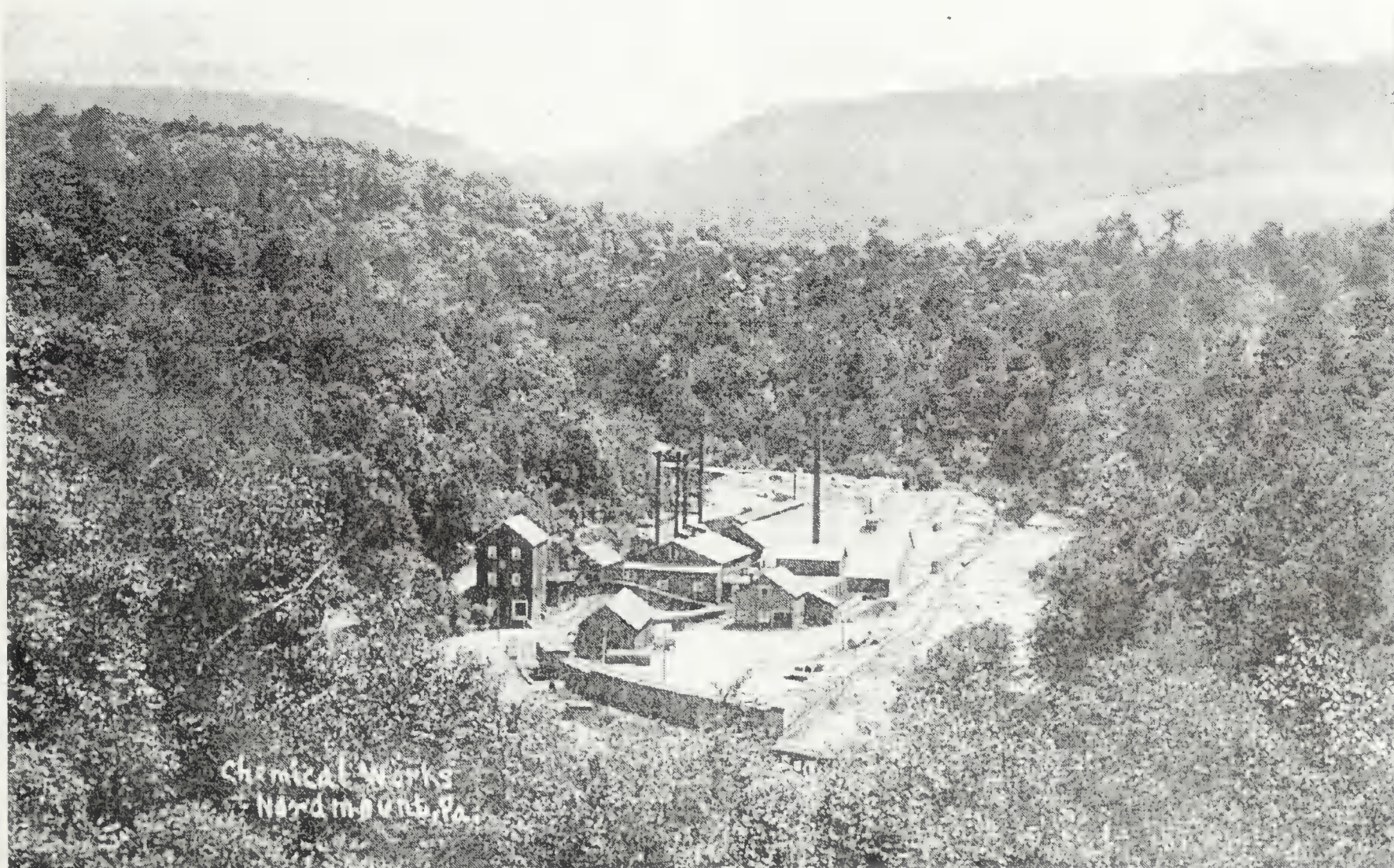


Another view of the clothespin factory at Sonestown.



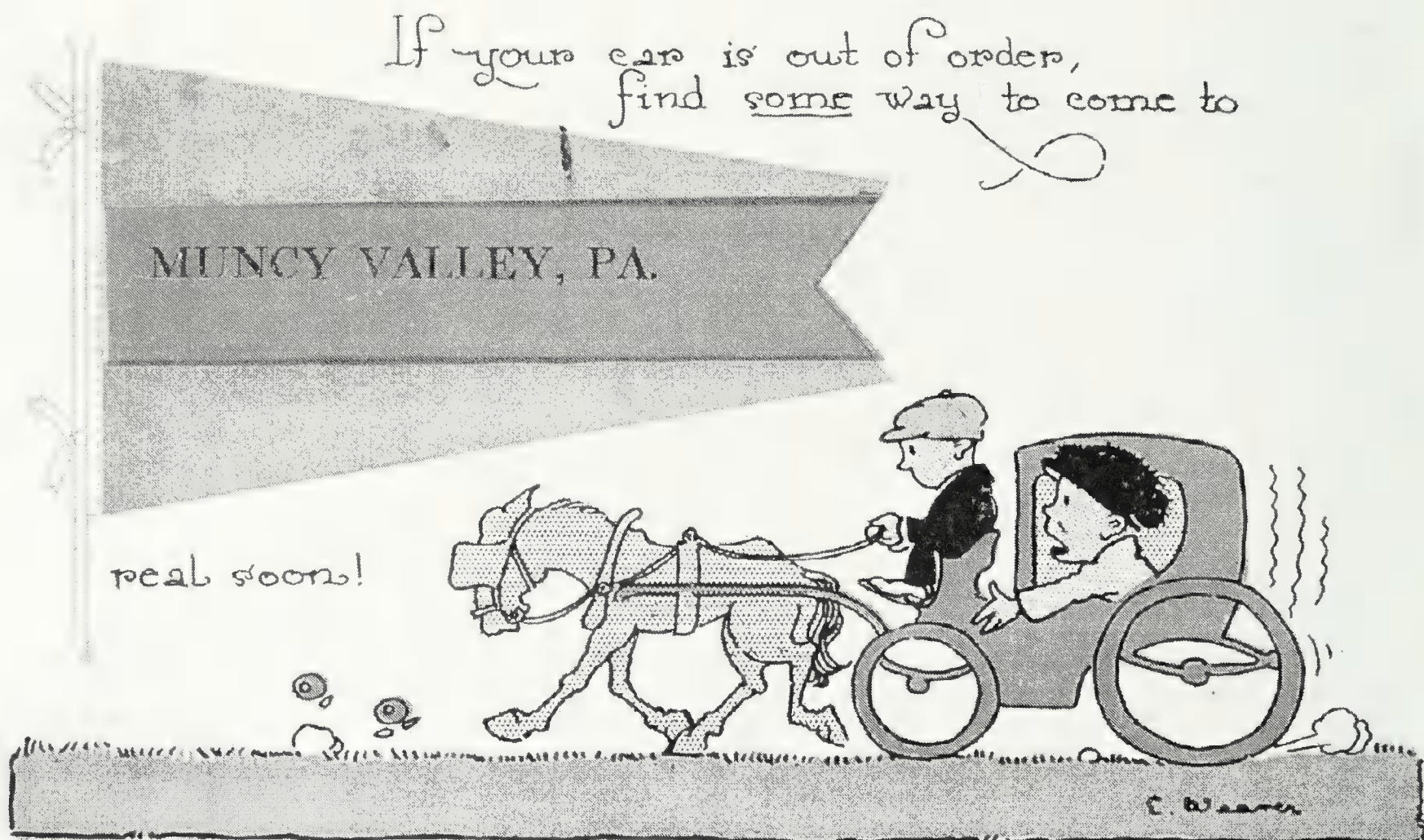


Industries of Sonestown: (1) Clothespin, (2) Saw mill, (3) Heading mill, (4) Novelty works. Railroad ran along the mountain.



The chemical works at Nordmont.





Every town had its promotion.

#### MAYNARD J. PHILIPS

One of the most prominent of Davidson's citizens, was born in 1854. His father was Griffith Philips 2nd, who cleared the farm where his son now lives. His grandfather was one of the first settlers of Davidson. Mr. Philips has always taken an active part in the business affairs of Sullivan county. He was elected Associate Judge of the Sullivan County Courts in 1891. With the affairs of Davidson township, he has for many years been closely identified serving as school director for nine years. He is general agent for school books and supplies. He married Mary C. Pennington, a daughter of James N. Pennington, of Fairmount Springs, Luzerne county. She was born in 1862. Four daughters have been born to bless this union, Murelle G. born in 1889, Mary V. born in 1892, Helen V. born in 1895 and Eva E. born in 1900.

#### ELLIS SWANK

Was born in Davidson township in 1849. His grandfather, Solomon Swank came to this country from Germany and settled in Sullivan county. His father Christian Swank was a farmer of Davidson township. For many years Mr. Swank followed the trades of carpentering and blacksmithing residing at Muncy Valley. In 1879 he was elected constable of Davidson township, serving two terms. In 1883 he was elected county auditor and in 1895 was elected sheriff of Sullivan county. In 1898 he purchased the Magargel House of Mrs. Thomas Magargel, which he remodeled

and where he now conducts a first-class hostelry. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. of Sonestown. He was married in 1876 to Emma Philips of Davidson township and to them have been born, Elizabeth J. who died at the age of fourteen years, Ellery E., Thomas C. and Martin E. Thomas C. was married in 1902 to Alta Rea, a daughter of George Rea of Sonestown, and was killed in the fatal

railroad wreck at LaPorte, Jan. 26, 1903. To them had been born a daughter who with the wife survives.

#### AUGUSTUS G. MENCER

Was born at Danville, Pa. in 1868. His father, Theodore Mencer of Jersey Shore, was born in Germany and came to America when 9 years of age and 25 years ago came to Sonestown where he engaged in the mercantile business and also followed the trade of shoemaking. Mr. Mencer owns a pretty home in Sonestown, is identified with the I.O.O.F. of that place and serves as section foreman on the Eagles Mere railroad. He was married in 1895 to Clara Gritman, a daughter of the late Dewitt Gritman, of the Elk Lick school district, who was a native of East Benton and came to Davidson township before the Civil War, being a veteran of that war. Mrs. Mencer was born in 1872, her mother being a daughter of Wm. Low, one of the early settlers of LaPorte township. To Mr. and Mrs. Mencer have been born, Anna Josephine, Herman Dewitt and Vernie Althia.





The Evangelical United Brethren Church on Main Street, later Route 220.

#### THORNTON L. WATTS

Of Muncy Valley was born at Iola, Columbia county in 1860. His father was John Watts of Iola, formerly of Greenwood. He was a native of Columbia county, the Watts family being among the early settlers of that county. Mr. Watts is boss carpenter and machinist of the Muncy Valley tannery and is a member of the P.O.S. of A. He married Almerta Johnson, a daughter of Jasper Johnson. She was born at Iola in 1870. They are the parents of six children: Fred B., Joseph L., Edward W., Allether R., George McKinley and Ella S.

#### ELMER E. CRAWLEY

Was born in Davidson township in 1864. He is the son of Morris Crawley of Davidson and owns a farm in this township where he resides. He was married in 1902 to Maggie Shires, a daughter of Daniel Shires of Beaver Lake. To them has been born one son, Gaylord LaRue Shires.

#### IRVIN WILSON

Of Sonestown, was born at that place in 1878. His father was Isaac Wilson, who came from Columbia county about fifty years ago and made the first settlement up the Outlet. Mr. Wilson is a single young man and resides at Sonestown.

#### PETER B. HOPFER

Was born Sept. 6, 1829, in the town of Northumberland. He came to Muncy Valley with James

Glidewell when seven years of age. He served for many years as constable of Davidson township. He was married in 1859 to Barbara Reese of Lycoming county. They are the parents of eight children: Josiah W., Mrs. Lillie Boyer, Leo, Mrs. Mary Green, Frank E., George H., Carrie and Charles.

#### J. J. SICK

A prosperous farmer of Nordmont was born at Cherry Mills in 1861. His father Charles Sick settled in Cherry township in 1839. He came to this country from Baden, Germany. Mr. Sick owns a fine farm at what is known as the Corners. He was married in 1889 to Dora Speary, a daughter of D.M. Speary of Nordmont, her ancestors being among the original Elk Lick settlers. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sick are prominently identified with church and Sunday School work, taking an active part in the work of the M.E. church, which is situated near their residence at the Corners. To them have been born three children: Adon, Mary and Dorson.

#### OSCAR LEWIS

Of Nordmont was born at Cole's Creek, Columbia county in 1838. His father David Lewis was a native of New Jersey, and settled at Cole's Creek where he followed the trade of blacksmithing. Mr. Lewis came to Sullivan county in 1871 and owns a fine farm near Nordmont. He was school director for a number of years, supervisor one term and later tax collector of Davidson township. He married Catharine Haines in 1863. They have three children: Lizzie, married A.C.





Hold that pose while I get your picture. Probably Muncy Valley.

Shaw of Shickshinny, Pa., Raymond at home and Edna, married L.T. Richard.

#### FRED FOUST

Was born in Davidson township in 1877. His father Amos Foust an early settler of Davidson, was born in 1838, in that part of Cherry now comprised within the boundaries of LaPorte township. His grandfather, Philip Foust was a native of Germany. Mr. Foust owns a farm at Nordmont. He was married in 1899 to Lydia Agnes Fritz, a daughter of Gerhart Fritz of Davidson township. To them have been born three children, Lee Carlton, Ruth Madeline and Ralph Morris.

#### M. D. HORN

Of Nordmont, was born in LaPorte township in 1861. His father Daniel Horn came to LaPorte from Columbia county about 1843. Later he moved to Waller, Columbia county, where he died aged 82 years. Mr. Horn owns a farm about two miles from Nordmont. He has for many years been identified with the educational advancement of Davidson township, having served as school director for twelve years. He has been engaged for several years as a fire and life insurance agent. He was married in 1885 to Eunice Foust, a daughter of Amos and Esther Foust, of Davidson township. To them have been born two sons, Roland R. and Herbert S.

#### O. A. FRITZ

A farmer near Nordmont, was born at Fairmount Springs in 1871. He is a son of Hiram Fritz, and his grandfather, Samuel Fritz, was an early settler of Columbia county. Mr. Fritz's father, Hiram Fritz, died in 1882 and his widow, Dorothy Fritz, reared the family

and still resides on the homestead in Davidson township. Mr. Fritz is a single man and resides on the homestead.

#### CHARLES W. LITTLE

Of Nordmont, was born in LaPorte township in 1859. His father was Thomas Little, a son of John Little who came to Sullivan county about 60 years ago. Mr. Little is foreman in the acid factory at Nordmont. He is a brother of J.P. Little who was formerly Superintendent of Schools, of Sullivan county. Mr. Little was married in 1880 to Etta Speary and to them have been born seven children, Anna Jane, Lizzie L., Nora E., Harrison W., Watson W., Hazel and Verna.

#### J. C. STARR

Was born at Sonestown in 1873. His father, T. Wilson Starr, was born in Lycoming county and came to Davidson about 38 years ago. Mr. Starr for a number of years has been conductor on the EagleMere Railroad passenger train that carries thousands of visitors each





Frank Magargel residence after 1924 flood. Speary house is at rear center.

summer to the famous resort. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. of Sonestown and he owns a pretty residence there. He was married in 1900 to Anna Hazen, a daughter of John F. Hazen, of Sonestown. To them have been born two sons, Rufus L. and Donald E.

#### JEREMIAH STACKHOUSE

Of Sonestown, was born in 1848 in Jordan township, Lycoming county. His father James Stackhouse was born in Columbia county and was a son of Thomas Stackhouse. The Stackhouses were among the first settlers of Pennsylvania. They came to America from Yorkshire, England, sailing in the ship Welcome with William Penn. The family are very numerous in Pennsylvania and Ohio though members may be found in every state in the Union. A number were engaged in the Revolutionary War and the family has always been closely identified with State and National affairs. Mr. Stackhouse came to Sullivan county in 1883 and lived near Eagles Mere until 1903. In 1903 he took charge of the Lorah House at Sonestown. He was married in 1871 to Cynthia Bigger, who died Feb. 11, 1874 leaving one daughter, Olive B., who married Solomon Steiner, of Lycoming county. He was again married in December 1874 to Redocia Philips, a daughter of David Philips of Davidson township. To them have been born Harvey C., Monroe E., Myrtle L., Mazie L., Emma Lula, Maynard J., Carrie E., Eva S., and Thomas.

#### D. S. and JOHN A. PHILIPS

Are the sons of John Philips who 50 years ago settled on the farm where they now reside. D.S. Philips was born in 1847. He has been a member of the

Davidson school board for six terms or eighteen years. He was married in 1901 to Ella Philips, a daughter of Robert Philips of Lairdsville. One child, Leona Gertrude, blesses this union. John A. Philips was born in 1856. He is a single man and resides with his

brother, D.S. Philips. The brothers have been engaged for a number of years in the raising of stock.

#### ALBERT T. MEYERS

Was born in Davidson township in 1865. His father Jacob Meyers came from Germany to Lancaster county about 45 years, rearing a family of thirteen children, ten sons and three daughters. The subject of this sketch married Ida Enler of Franklin township, and to them have been born four children, Elliston, David Stanley, Ethel O., and Bruce. Mr. Meyers is a blacksmith who has a shop at Sand Run, Davidson township where he also owns a farm on which he resides.

#### GEORGE KIESS

Was born in 1835 in Wurtenburg, Germany. He emigrated to America in 1854, going to Philadelphia. Later he went to Williamsport where he joined the Union army in 1861, serving two years during the Civil war. In 1879 he came to Sullivan county. He has been extensively engaged in lumbering and owns a large farm near Sonestown. He was married in 1858 to Mary Hamann a native of Wurtenburg, Germany. To them have been born nine children: John, married Jane Glidewell; Joseph G., married Alice Neuber; Katharine, married John Koch; Caroline, married Pierce Gray;





Hard to see in this photo, but the railroad wye track occupies the ballfield. Methodist church in background.

Lizzie, married Wm. Stackhouse; Mary, married Chas. Wing, of LaPorte; William, married Mrs. Dora Cook, a daughter of Griffith Philips of Sonestown; Harry, and Christian who lives in Pittsburg.

#### J. E. GALLAGHER

Was born in Cherry township. His father was James Gallagher a farmer of Cherry township. Mr. Gallagher received his education in the public schools of Cherry township, the Mansfield State Normal School and the Rochester Business University. He taught school in Sullivan county for seven years and served three years as Commissioners' Clerk. Since 1896, he has been in the employ of the Union Tanning Company at Muncy Valley as book keeper. In 1890 he was married to Kate Kennedy of LaPorte. To them have been born five children, James, Thomas, Margaret, John and Anna.

#### ROBERT W. SIMMONS

Was born at Sonestown, April 10, 1868. His father, G.W. Simmons was born in Lycoming county and moved to Sonestown in 1842. Mr. Simmons is a blacksmith and railroad engineer on the Williamsport and North Branch Railroad. He owns a house and lot at Sonestown where he resides. He was married in 1891 to Lizzie J. Keeler, a daughter of F.R. Keeler of Nordmont. Her father's family were among the early settlers of the ElkLick district.

#### ROBERT HESS

Was born in Sugarloaf township, Columbia county in 1841. He came to Muncy Valley 18 years ago. He served as constable four years and is at present engaged in the insurance business. He was married to Elizabeth Brittain in 1869. To them have been born five children, Geo. P., C.W., Benjamin F., Oliver P. and Eva who married Wm. F. Snyder.

#### FRANK MAGARGEL

Of Muncy Valley was born at Sonestown in 1876, a son of Thomas Magargel. He was educated in the common schools of Sonestown. He entered into partnership with his brother, J.B. Magargel, and opened a store at Sonestown in 1891. In 1896 they sold their store to Z.E. and R.E. Botsford. In the spring of 1897, he purchased the store of A.T. Armstrong at Muncy Valley where he has since been engaged in the mercantile business. In 1894, he was appointed County Auditor, serving two years. At present, he is serving his second term as township auditor. He was married in 1897 to Cora E. Crawley, one child, Pauline L. having been born to this union.

#### MRS. CATHARINE H. STROUP

Is a daughter of James Taylor, of Davidson township, and a granddaughter of Robert Taylor, one of





*Residence of C. D. Voorhees, M. D., Sonestown, Pa.*

Later residence of Dr. Hydock, still standing, but without windmill.

the first settlers of Shrewsbury township. Her mother was Delia Edkin whose family were among the early settlers of Shrewsbury township. She was married in 1866 to James F. Stroup, who died about 15 years ago. To them have been born five children: Maggie, married George Crowley; Johanna who died at the age of six months; Taylor; Delia who died in 1882 and Curtis who married Laura Brink, of Eagles Mere, in 1895 and who lives on the homestead and conducts the farm.

#### ROBERT TAYLOR

A native of Shrewsbury township was born in 1831 and is a son of Fredrick Taylor, of Shrewsbury, whose father was Robert Taylor, an early settler of that section. Mr. Taylor purchased and settled on the farm on Muncy Creek where he now lives in 1857. He was married to Sarah Sellers of Pine Summit, Columbia county in 1867. To this union were born three children, Mrs. Ocie Armstrong of Sonestown, Harry and Edna who live at home. Mr. Taylor owns 550 acres of land and operates a sawmill on Muncy Creek. He was elected Associate Judge in 1886.

#### REV. J. GULDIN

Was born near Reading, Pa., Feb. 22, 1848. His father is Joel L. Guldin, who moved to White Deer Valley, Lycoming county, in the fall of 1857. Here he has since resided with the exception of three years spent in Winchester, Va. His family consisted of three sons

and three daughters of which the subject of this sketch is the eldest. Mr. Guldin spent his earlier years in his father's gristmill, later attending Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, from which he graduated in June, 1872.

In the spring of 1873, he entered the ministry, joining the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has held the pastorate of the M.E. charges at Gettysburg, Mont Alto, Shrewsbury, Elysburg, Catawissa circuit, Melroy, South Heberton, Washingtonville, Trevorton, Liberty Valley, Cogan Valley, Penfield, Muncy Valley and in the spring of 1903 he was transferred to Fairview where he is at present located. He was married June 9, 1880 to Jeanette A. Clarkson, of Ashland, Schuylkill county. To them have been born two daughters, Helen Clare and Mary Francis, both of whom are dead, and one son, Jesse E., who is at present attending Williamsport Dickinson Seminary.

#### EDMUND E. WEBB

Of Muncy Valley, was born at Muncy, Lycoming county, in 1838, a son of Wm. Webb. By trade Mr. Webb is a tanner. In 1861, he enlisted in the three months service in Co. G. 11th P.V.I. He re-enlisted Aug. 12, 1862, as First Sergeant in Co. F. 106 P.V.I. In 1864, He again re-enlisted in Co. 1 189 P.V.I. and was honorably discharged Jan. 28, 1865. He is a member of Wm. Bryan Post and is at present engaged in





The first gas station in Sonestown was operated by Bert Boatman.

the mercantile business at Muncy Valley. In 1864, he was married to Elizabeth Casselberry, who died Aug. 12, 1881. He was again married to Susan A. Smith in Nov. 1881. Their only child, Elsie is dead.

#### GEORGE W. BIGGER

County Commissioner of Sullivan county was born in Franklin township, Lycoming county. The Biggers family being among the early settlers of the Muncy creek valley. He came to Sullivan county in 1849 with his father who settled in Davidson near where Hon. M.J. Philips now resides. He learned the blacksmith trade and was a sawyer for 23 years. In 1863, he enlisted in Co. H. 43rd. Reg. P.I. and re-enlisted in 1864 in Co. E. 209 Reg. P.I. being honorably discharged in 1865. Since the war, he has been engaged in lumbering and is now conducting a blacksmith shop at Muncy Valley. He has been school director and held other minor offices and in 1902 was elected County Commissioner. He married Ida Worthington of Lycoming county and they are the parents of one daughter, Mrs. T.J. Schug, and six sons, Charles E., Ulyssus E., James B., Hurley D., Harold P. and Oliver R.

#### CHARLES J. SECULES

Was born in Lycoming county in 1860 and is a son of Ex-county Commissioner Philip Secules of Shrewsbury township. He learned the blacksmithing trade and has conducted a blacksmith shop in Muncy Valley since the spring of 1895. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. at Sonestown. In 1889 he married Ada

Gower, who died in 1900. In the fall of 1901 he married Susan Crist. He is the father of three children, Walter, Harry and Alice.

#### HYMAN P. HALL

Of Sonestown, was born May 14, 1853, at Fairfield Center, Lycoming county. His grandfather, Richard Hall, settled in Lycoming county at an early date, and from them the southern terminus of the W. & N.B.R.R. takes its name. Richard Hall, the father of our subject was born and reared on his father's farm at Halls and became very prominent in the valley. Mr. Hall in early life taught school and later learned the mason trade. Later his was station agent at Chamouni, Nordmont and Sonestown. He owns a fine residence at Sonestown, is assessor and Justice of the Peace of Davidson township. Fraternally he is identified with the P.O.S. of A. of Sonestown, being a charter member of that society. He married Mary E. Boatman and they are the parents of nine children, Leslie married H.D. Lockwood of Sonestown, Damon, Ada, Orville, Mildred, Ward, Lettie, Iva and Paul.

#### DR. C. D. VOORHEES

Was born at Shingle House, Potter county, in 1856, and is a son of John Voorhees, one of the early settlers of that county. He graduated from the University Medical College of New York in 1889, and practiced medicine and engaged in the drug business at





**Frank Magargel store, Main Street, Sonestown.**

Instantter, Elk county for some time. In 1895, he located at LaPorte and practiced medicine. In 1900 he moved to Sonestown where he at present practices medicine and is the proprietor of a fine drug store. He is a member of the P.O.S. of A. and is married to Fre Fulmer of Muncy Valley, a daughter of Wm. Fulmer one of the early settlers of Cherry township.

#### **CHAS. H. WARREN**

Principal of the Sonestown schools was born at Shunk, Sullivan county in 1868. Frank B. Warren, his father, came to Sullivan county from Tioga county in 1865. He was educated in the common schools of Pa. and Salsbury Academy of Mo. He owns a fine farm at Shunk and has been engaged in teaching fourteen years, spending seven years in Missouri and Montana. At

present, he is principal of the graded school at Sonestown. In 1902, he was a candidate for the office of Co. Superintendent of Schools. In 1892 he married Anna Jessamine Haughey, of Utich, Missouri. To them have been born two sons, Wm. W. and Lee D.

#### **THOMAS A. STARR**

Of Sonestown, was born at Lairdsville, Lycoming county in 1866. He is the son of Thomas F. Starr of Lairdsville. He was married to Belle Margargel in 1891 and to them has been born one son, Walter E.

#### **REV. J. O. BIGGS**

Pastor of the United Evangelical church at Sonestown, was born at Fredericktown, Maryland. He received his education at the Central Pennsylvania





Main St., Sonestown. Hotel in background.

college at New Berlin, Pennsylvania, and entered the ministry of the United Evangelical church in 1896. In 1902 he was placed on the Sonestown charge, preaching at Sonestown, Nordmont, North Mountain and at Fribly, Lycoming county. In 1895, he married Lizzie Smith and they are the parents of two children, a daughter Ruth and a son Myron S.

#### TORRENCE BENDER

Was born in Fishing Creek township, Columbia county. He is the son of Elias P. Bender who also was a native of Fishing Creek township. In the fall of 1899 he came to Muncy Valley and engaged in the undertaking business. He is secretary of the I.O.O.F. of Sonestown. He was married in 1890 to Belle O'Brian, a niece of Lewis Holmes of Cherry and also of Hon. Russel Karns, of Benton, formerly of LaPorte. To them have been born three sons, Earl, Harold and Carl.

#### C. A. MILLER

Was born at Gilboa, N.Y., in 1859. In 1888 he married Bernice Bennett, a daughter of G.W. Bennett, of Shrewsbury township whose father was Joseph Bennett one of the early settlers of Shrewsbury. Two daughters, Beulah and Ruth, bless this union. Mr. Miller settled at Muncy Valley in 1892 where he now owns a handsome store and residence. He conducts a furniture store and Mrs. Miller is engaged in the millinery business.

#### G. W. LILLIE

Was born in Wayne county in 1867. He is a son of Aaron Lillie, a farmer of Wayne county. In 1892 he came to Sullivan county, locating at Emmons where he is extensively engaged in lumbering. He runs three lumber camps on North Mountain and employs at times as high as 150 men. He also conducts a general store and is the postmaster at that place. In 1885 he married Elizabeth Keesler.

#### ELIAS RIDER

Was born in Lycoming county in 1860. Daniel Rider, his father, was engaged in farming. Mr. Rider was married in 1884 to Ida Eldora Temple of Lycoming county. They are the parents of ten children, Lucy A. married Wm. Camp, Susan R. died July 4, Sarah E., Stanford R., Freman J., Ocie W., Freddie O., Ollie M., Leroy and Stanford twins who died in June, 1902.

#### THOMAS BABB

Of Emmons, was born in Lycoming county in 1869. His father was William Babb, a farmer of that county. Mr. Babb came to Sullivan county in 1900 and is employed in the acid factory at Emmons. He has served as assistant assessor. In 1890 he married Jennie L. Sones, a daughter of John H. Sones of Lairdsville, Lycoming county. They are the parents of five children, John W., Clara Alice, Raymond who died in 1898, Walter E., Pearl L. and Edna G.





A little house on the lower end of Main St., Sonestown served as the post office, ice cream store. Next house, the Lloyd Freas home. Note: Mail boxes on post.

#### W. L. LOVELACE

Was born at Milanville, Wayne county, in 1856. In 1872 he accompanied his father, S.W. Lovelace to Sonestown. His grandfather James Lovelace was born in Berlin, Germany and came to America in 1812, he lived to be 108 years old. Mr. Lovelace is a carpenter and a farmer and owns a fine farm near Nordmont. He is a member of the P.O.S. of A. and the I.O.O.F. He married Priscilla Haskins, a daughter of Thomas Haskins, of Owego, N.Y.

#### F. R. KEELER

Of Nordmont was born in Columbia county in 1865. He is a son of Edward Keeler, a harness maker of White Hall, Columbia county. In 1882, he came to Sullivan county. He is a stone mason and owns a fine farm near Nordmont. In 1891 he married Susie Peterman of Nordmont. To them have been born seven children, Sarah Jane, Lizzie M., George F., Edward G., Minnie A., Helen R. and Dollie P.

#### J. DEAN COLE

Was born at Sugar Loaf township, Columbia county in 1848. His father was Montgomery Cole and his grandfather Wm. Cole one of the original settlers of

Benton township, Columbia county. Mr. Cole has lived at Jamison City 13 years, being employed in the tannery. He married Cordilla A. Dils, of Sugar Loaf township in 1871. To them have been born five children, Lillian May, who died in infancy, Lawrence R., Walter L., Cora N. and Minnie E.

#### PARVIN KILE

Of Emmons, was born in Columbia county in 1852. He is a son of Nehemiah Kile and a grandson of William Kile, one of the early settlers of Columbia county. In the political affairs of the township, Mr. Kile is always interested and besides holding various minor offices, has held the position of school director seven years. Mr. Kile was the first settler at Emmons, where he built a hotel in 1882. In 1885 he married Charlotte Moss of Mossdale, Montour county and they are the parents of two children, Lula and Walter.

#### J. J. YOUNG

Was born at Light Street, Columbia county in 1856 and is a son of Jacob Young a farmer of that county. Mr. Young is a stationary engineer and came to Emmons where he is employed in the acid factory as foreman in 1892. He is a Justice of the Peace in Davidson. In 1878 he was married to Caroline Klingler, a daughter of Paul Klingler of Jackson township.





Road grading at Beech Glen, early 1900 at the corner of what is now Routes 42 & 220. George Taylor home at left.

Columbia county. To them have been born seven children, Edith R., Christian J., May, Katie, William C., Max G. and Fay.

#### D. C. BOSTIAN

Of Nordmont was born in 1850 on the farm where he now resides. His father Mathias Bostian was an early settler and his grandfather John Hiddleston one of the first settlers of the Elk Lick District. In 1876 he married Jennie Stevens and they have one son, Walter B., a graduate of Williamsport Business College.

#### WM. F. BOATMAN

Of Sonestown, was born in 1852 in Lycoming county. He came from that county to Sonestown in 1888, where he follows the trade of carpenter. He married Savilla Danley, of Lycoming, who was born in 1856. They are the parents of five children, George O., Howard L., Clarence C., Linda V. and Frank E.

#### JOHN W. BUCK

A merchant of Sonestown, was born in 1853 at Strawbridge, Lycoming county, just across the Sullivan county line. His father was born in Montour county, the family originally coming from Berks county. He settled at Strawbridge in 1842. His son, the subject of this sketch, worked at carpentering when a young man and taught

school for a number of years. In 1885 he came to Sonestown where he is at present engaged in the mercantile business. In 1887 he married Jennie Gavitt who was born in Susquehanna county in 1863. Her father Peter Gavitt came from that county about 34 years ago and settled in LaPorte township. The Gavitts came from Connecticut and settled in Susquehanna county at an early date. To Mr. and Mrs. Buck have been born five children, Lela, Vera, Mildred, Stanford who died at the age of seven months and Grant.

#### H. E. JOHNSON

Of Muncy Valley was born in 1856 at North Mountain. His father, a wheelwright by trade, came from Columbia county nearly fifty years ago and settled at North Mountain on the Biggart farm. Mr. Johnson has been employed in the tannery at Muncy Valley for nine years. In 1885, he married Clara Hunter, who was born in Millville in 1859 and is a daughter of Wm. Hunter of that place, the Hunter family being among the early settlers of that section. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born five children, Bertha who clerks in W. L. Hoffman's store, Boyd, Celia, Anna and Howard.

#### H. E. BENNETT

Of Muncy Valley, was born in 1870 in Shrewsbury township. He is a son of Washington Bennett of





Taylor's gas station at Beech Glen in 1932, now Beech Glen Beverage (1997).

Shrewsbury, a descendant of the Bennetts who came from New Jersey and were among the early settlers of Shrewsbury township. Mr. Bennett is employed as night watchman at the Tannery. In 1896, he married Martha Fiester, a daughter of John Fiester of Shrewsbury township. She died in 1898 aged 21 years. In 1901 he married Eva Jarrett, who was born at Hughesville in 1880, a daughter of Daniel Jarrett, of that place. To this union has been born one daughter, Dollie F.

#### ALVIN P. MILLER

Was born in 1859 in Schoharie county, New York, a son of Hiram and Malinda (Bailey) Miller. He is inside foreman of the Muncy Valley tannery coming to that place when the Stevens tannery was moved from New York to Muncy Valley. He owns a farm just outside the town where he has erected a handsome residence. He married Libbie Bennett, a daughter of George W. Bennett, and to them have been born three children, Arthur O., George B. and Edna M. Mr. Miller and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

#### J. R. GANSEL

Of Muncy Valley, was born at Dushore in 1852. His father, Joseph Gansel was born in Columbia county

in 1818. He came to Dushore in 1847, was elected Sheriff of Sullivan county in 1859 and Associate Judge in 1871. At present he lives with his son at Muncy Valley. He has always been an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church. Joseph Gansel married a daughter of John Auman of Cherry. J. R. Gansel married Julia A. Keller, a daughter of Wm. Keller of Unityville, Lycoming county in 1892. To them have been born three children, Stanton M., Willa and Teresa E.

#### TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

Judge of Election---J. C. Starr.

Inspectors---Fred Keeler, Samuel Smith.

Constable---John Girton.

Justices of the Peace---J. J. Young, H. P. Hall.

Supervisors---Chas. Crawley, Chas. Cox.

School Directors---J. P. Miller, Chas. A. Starr, D. S. Philips, M. D. Horn, Parvin Kile, Harvey E. Philips.

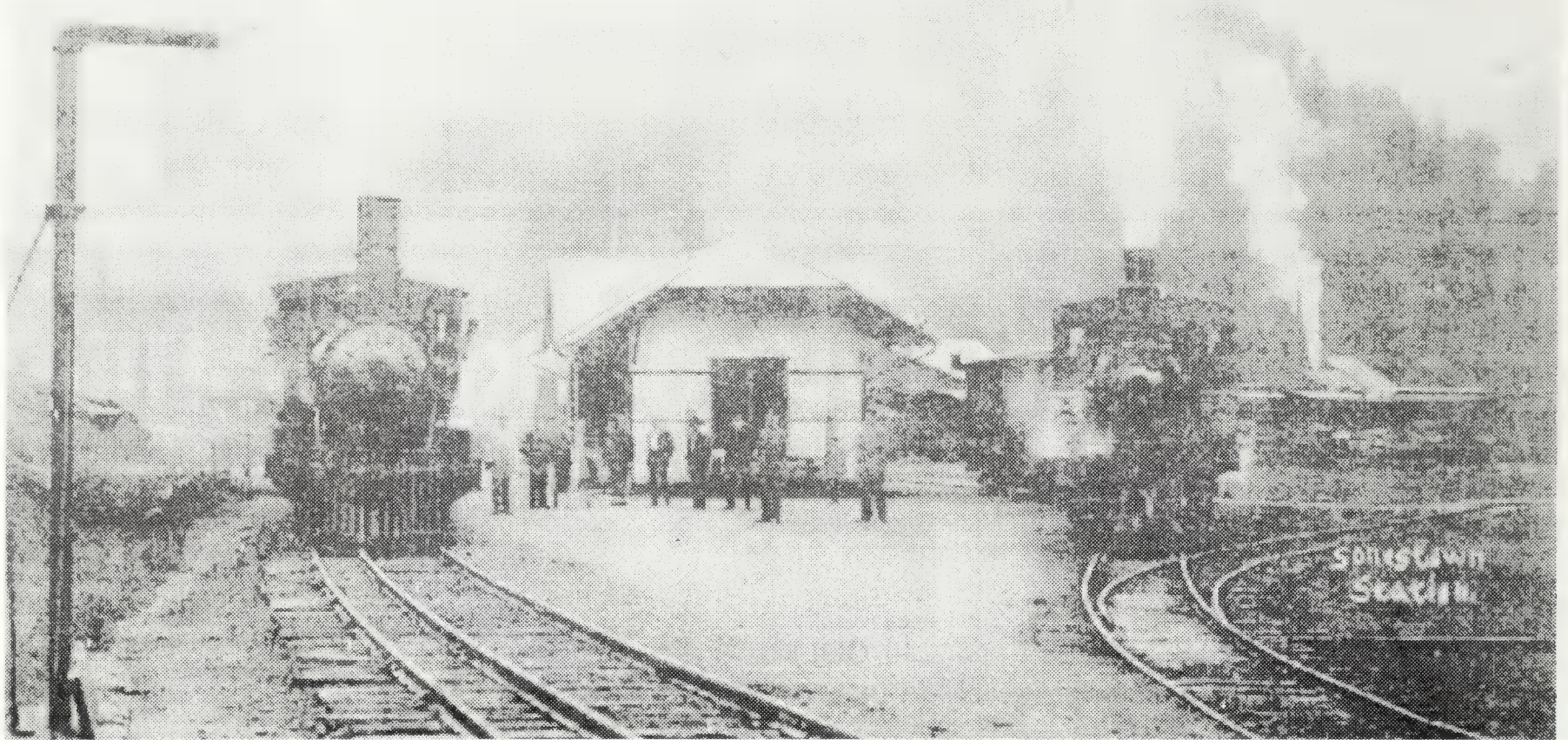
Town Clerk---Morgan Gavitt.

Tax Collector---C. W. Speary.

Assessor---H. P. Hall.

Auditors---Frank Magargel, R. Spencer Starr, M. D. Sweeney.





Often called Union Station as it served two railroads, W&NB & E.M.R.R. Building is now a private residence.

#### REGISTERED VOTERS.

##### BEAVER DAM.

Kopp, Myron  
Mosteller, Edward Mosteller, George

##### ELK RUN.

Knouse, John

##### EMMONS.

Babb, Thomas			
Camp, George B.			
Foust, Frank	Floak, Peter		
Hess, Whorley	Hammend, F. G.		
Kile, Parvin	Klnney, Thos. E.		
Lillie, James	Lane, W. E.	Lillie, G. W.	Livon, L. H.
Lions, Wilfred			
Peterman, Wort			
Rider, Elias	Rider, William	Robbins, John	
Sones, W. P.			
Temple, William			
Young, J. J.			

##### JAMISON CITY.

Allen, Dell			
Cole, Lawrence	Cole, Wilson	Crossley, Perry	Crossley, D. E.
Cole, Dean	Cole, Bert		
Fritz, Samuel			
Girton, Wells	Green, S. W.		
Hoagland, Owen	Hoagland, Charles		
Lambert, Geo. H.	Longest, Palestine	Long, Harvey	
Major, Paul	McHenry, Amos	Miller, Charles	
Setzer, Solomon			

##### MUNCY VALLEY.

Avery, George	Allen, Francis	
Bender, Torrence	Bigger, Brady	Bigger, Geo. W.



Crague, Alfred	Crague, Albert	Confer, Peter	Crawley, George
Crawley, Charles	Craft, Frank	Crawley, Elmer E.	
Donovan, Michael	Dubler, Jacob		
Edkin, Monroe	Edkin, Clarence		
Fenstermacher, J. H.	Firman, Herbert	Fowler, Benj. F.	Fulmer, Ernest
Gansel, John R.	Gansel, Joseph	Gallagher, John E.	Girton, John
Hill, Alvin	Haus, James	Hess, Robert	Herr, Hyman
Haus, John	Hopfer, Peter	Hopfer, George	Hopfer, Charles
Harris, Frank	Houseknecht, E. M.	Hopfer, Wm. G.	
Johnson, O. P.	Johnson, Harvey	Jonkoski, Peter	
Long, James H.	Long, Harley	Leonard, Robert	Laurenson, Walter
Miller, Harvey	Minneir, W. A.	Miller, Charles A.	Magargel, Samuel
Myers, Geo. A.	Moran, J. Wm.	Moran, James Sr.	Moran, James Jr.
Magargel, Alex	Miller, Samuel	May, William	May, John
Mihalis, Andrew	Myers, Albert	Miller, Daniel	Miller, William
Miller, J. P.			
Palmatier, Dennis	Palmatier, Charles	Palmatier, John	Purcell, William
Philips, M. J.	Philips, George	Philips, Joseph W.	Philips, Edward
Philips, Harvey E.	Philips, Clark	Philips, James	Philips, John
Philips, Jacob			
Reese, John	Remsnyder, Wm.	Rider, Gibson	Rider, Henry
Robbins, Joseph	Robbins, Wm. V.		
Sanders, Daniel	Schug, Thomas	Secules, C. J.	Secules, Samuel E.
Shafer, N. J.	Shaw, M. F.	Simmons, Jason B.	Smith, Emery G.
Snyder, Charles E.	Snyder, Frank	Spencer, George	Starr, Anson P.
Starr, Benton	Starr, G. F.	Stetts, George	Stroup, Curtis
Stroup, Monroe	Stroup, Oscar	Stroup, Taylor	Swank, Albert
Swank, Peter G.	Swank, Thomas D.		
Taylor, Charles	Taylor, David M.	Taylor, Harry	Taylor, Harvey
Taylor, John	Taylor, Milton	Taylor, Monroe	Taylor, Robert
Taylor, Robert	Travelet, Edward		
Vanhorn, Andrew			
Warner, Albert	Watts, Monroe	Watts, Thornton	Webb, E. E.
Whitmeyer, C. W.	Whitmeyer, Jerry	Wilson, Chas.	Wilson, Ernest

## NORDMONT.

Anders, William			
Bostian, Dyer	Bostian, Hanford	Brundage, Otto	
Cox, Charles	Cox, Hiram	Cox, Samuel	
Diltz, Elias			
Foust, Amos	Foust, Frederick	Fritz, Ellis	Fritz, Gerhart
Fritz, Herman	Fritz, Lee	Fritz, Lucius	Fritz, Orval
Fritz, Oscar			
Gansel, Charles	Green, Irvin	Green, William	Gritman, Warren
Horn, Marcus	Houseknecht, John		
Keeler, Frederick	Keeler, John S.	King, L. M.	King, Ralph W.
Laird, James	Laird, T. J.	Laird, T. S.	Lake, Kean
Lease, Charles	Lewis, Oscar	Lewis, Ray	Little, Charles
Little, John	Lovelace, Jesse	Lovelace, Joseph	Lovelace, W. L.
Morris, Archie	Mosteller, Howard		
Pennington, John	Perry, Charles		
Reighard, Levi			
Sick, Julius	Small, Andrew	Small, Edward	Small, Frank
Small, Harry F.	Small, Henry	Speary, Asa	Speary, Benjamin J.
Speary, Dorson	Speary, Ernest	Speary, Harry	Speary, J. Wesley
Speary, Monroe	Speary, Samuel		
White, A. S.	White, Frank		

## NORTH MOUNTAIN.

Flick, Thomas	
Green, Isaac	
Reese, David	Reese, Milton

## SONESTOWN.

Anderson, A. C.	Andrews, James	Armes, Albert	Armes, Charles
Armes, Harry B.	Armstrong, A. T.		
Biggs, Rev. J. O.	Boatman, Edward	Boatman, H. C.	Boatman, Jas. C.
Boatman, John M.	Boatman, Wm. F.	Bostian, Eli	Bradley, John
Bradley, Joseph	Breitmire, George	Brown, John	Buck, J. W.
Buck, L. Harvey			
Campbell, Byron	Campbell, Charles	Corson, Dane	Converse, Alonzo
Converse, John M.	Crist, Samuel		
Darling, Archie	Darling, Charles H.	Darling, C. R.	Darling, D. U.
Deininger, J. C.	Donovan, Wm. F.		
Eddy, F.	Edgar, Andrew	Edgar, Jerry	





Looking south through Sonestown.

Fairman, Lloyd	Feister, James	Fiester, W. C.	Fenstamacher, J. H.
Flick, Sanford	Foust, Albert	Freas, L. K.	
Gavitt, Morgan P.	Glidewell, Albert	Glidewell, Charles	Glidewell, Kaneal
Glidewell, Merritt	Grove, Harry	Grove, Wm.	
Hall, Damon	Hall, H. P.	Hazen, Charles	Hazen, Edward
Hazen, George	Hazen, John N.	Hazen, Walter	Hazen, W. Bert
Hazen, W. C.	Herring, Wm. M.	Hess, Alex	Houseknecht, Ed. L.
Houseknecht, Thos. R.			
Jordan, James			
Keiss, George	Keiss, Wm.		
Laird, Jerome W.	Laird, Wm.	Laylon, Lloyd	Lockwood, E. J.
Lockwood, H. J.	Long, Otto	Lorah, D. H.	Lovelace, A. L.
Martin, Luther	Mencer, A. G.	Miller, John	Morrison, John
Painton, Morris	Philips, D. S.	Philips, E. Newton	Philips, Griffith
Philips, Harry E.	Philips, John A.		
Rea, George E.	Richart, Henry	Richart, John S.	Robbins, George
Robbins, Nirmas	Robbins, Wm.		
Sheets, Geo. E.	Sheets, Washington	Sheets, W. L.	Sheets, Wm. Sr.
Sherwood, Allison	Sherwood, W. H.	Simmons, Geo. T.	Simmons, Geo. W.
Simmons, Jacob	Simmons, John	Simmons, Robert W.	Smith, Ernest A.
Smith, Samuel	Sones, James	Speary, Benj. C.	Speary, C. Watson
Stackhouse, J. H.	Stackhouse, Wm.	Starr, Alvah	Starr, Chas. A.
Starr, Harry	Starr, J. C.	Starr, Thomas	Starr, T. Wilson
Starr, R. Spencer	Swank, Ellery	Swank, Ellis	Sweeney, M. D.
Swisher, Philip	Swisher, Wm.		
Taylor, Edward			
Voorhees, C. H.			
Warburton, C. S.	Warburton, Lewis	Warren, Chas. H.	Watson, John H.
Watts, Jerry	Wilson, Edw. J.	Wilson, Elias	Wilson, Geo. A.
Wilson, Irvin	Wilson, Isaac N.	Wilson, John E.	Wilson, Robert E.
Woodsides, John	Worthington, Benj. S.		

## STRAWBRIDGE.

McClintock, T. S.





A 1900 view of Main Street, Sonestown.



Making cider was a community event. Early 1900 photo looking north from Route 220. Wagon loads of apples lined up for the press, far right. First house in view was the Boatman house.





In the early 1930's, some of Main St., Sonestown, was paved.



The Evangelical United Brethren Church at Nordmont. Now St. Paul's United Methodist Church.





MAIN STREET, SONESTOWN, PA







The church at Nordmont.







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